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'FIX' CHARGES IN CUP STORM

— By Andrew Dettre —

I left South America last week amidst stormy accusations that the World Cup was just about handed to Argentina.

Let me hasten to add that I don't accept this, though some of the circumstances of their win do look suspicious enough to add fuel to the international fire.

The most sensational charges, of course, come from Brazil insisting that Peru actually "threw" its 0-6 match to Argentina, enabling the hosts to sneak into the final with a marginally superior goal difference.

The two army-based presidents of Argentina and Peru are said to be good personal friends — and antagonists of their Brazilian counterpart, another military man.

One of the Peruvian players, Cesar Cueto, was quoted in a Lima newspaper that his team had been "instructed" from the presidential palace to give Argentina whatever winning margin they needed.

Most of the Peruvian press and TV commentators openly question the validity of the 0-6 scoreline, and say their team just "stood and watched" as Argentina piled up the necessary goals.

Fans in Lima shared this view: they waited for their team at the airport and hurled rubbish at them — as well as silver coins in a plain Biblical reference.

The Brazilians, of course, are quite convinced that the 0-6 was a hefty fix.

I am not so sure. Peru could have easily scored twice early in the game.

Once Argentina opened their account, they were irresistible, as though playing for their life.

Peru had no incentive and quite possibly were in no mood to stand up to a stampede — just to save Brazil.

The second charge comes from Holland, where the most hated name now is that of Italian referee Gonella.

The Dutch claim he should have never been in charge of the final involving Argentina, where a huge section of the population is of Italian origin.

Dutch newspapers allege that right from the start Gonella was party to a conspiracy against their team.

He allowed Argentina to appear on the field seven minutes after Holland — an old trick in the books of gamesmanship.

He then acceded to an Argentine demand to have a small plaster cast removed from the forearm of Rene van der Kerkhof — who had earlier played four matches with that unchallenged.

The Dutch also charge that Gonella was biased against them from the start which, in turn, led to Holland's strange, over-physical game riddled with fouls.

It's true that Gonella did make some odd decisions: for one, he did not even caution the Argentinian Galvah for twice deliberately handling the ball.

The arguments will go on for months, if not years; this is the nature of the World Cup.

Brazilian coach Continho claims his team, the only one undefeated, were the "moral winners", whatever that may mean.

Perhaps. But the FIFA World Cup now rests in the offices of the Argentine FA in Viamonte, downtown Buenos Aires.

A total of 1,726,520 spectators watched the 38 World Cup matches at the various stadiums in Argentina — an average of 45,435, which is estimated to be the highest yet at any World Cup played so far. Argentina played all their matches to capacity crowds — as was only to be expected — but there were also much bigger crowds than expected at many of the less important games.

International Football Federation president Joao Havelange said that total receipts are expected to total between 30 and 35 million US dollars (of which 25% goes to Argentina as organisers) and this also compares favorably with the 23 million taken during the last World Cup in West Germany.

Scene from West Germany v Holland with Maier punching the ball clear.

Luis Cesar Menotti, architect, mentor and coach of world champions Argentina, now under attack.

'Marconi-affair'

— By Keith Gilmour —

The NSW Federation is now afraid to re-admit the five Sydney-based PSL clubs because of the "Marconi-affair".

A spokesman said: "The attitude displayed to the Australian team has lessons for us, too.

"We would have expected that if a club wanted to dissent they would have acted within the framework of the game.

"The position must have a disturbing effect on the application made by the five PSL clubs to affiliate with our federation.

"Will they work in with us if this sort of thing can occur?

"It will be up to our annual meeting to decide whether to affiliate them."

The PSL League committee, meanwhile, authorised acting chairman Charlie Caruso to make enquiries of the Marconi management concerning the club's attitude to the recent national team fiasco which resulted in Paul Degney and Peter Sharne being dropped from the Australian team.

Last week's meeting of the committee also faced up to a shortfall of $20,000 in air fares which has to be bridged.

Income of $200,000 from the Philips sponsorship and TV rights is matched against $220,000 costs, and indeed the problem will increase in 1979 due to fare increases.

Manager John Frank is hoping that negotiations on his recent overseas tour will produce the class of touring team that is needed.

The alternative will be to charge each club $1500 to cover the gap.

This year the PSL have made a commitment to State Federations that they will not clash with local grand finals or their equivalent.

This covers one match only, so there will have to be a certain amount of juggling of Philips Cup ties amongst cities to give the local game the entire scene on the day.

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3 TO 7

With a 3-1 win by Campbelltown City (Div. 4) against Fairfield Kiev, the City is constantly pushing up the tables to challenge the leaders, Baulkham Hills. Coach Alan Street reports that with players now off the injury list, his team is recovering its strength. Recently Alan was approached by the new local broadcasting station, 2CT, to run a 10 minute weekly segment on local soccer. In accepting, the program now goes on air at 9.45 am Sundays on 1390 KHz. This coming Sunday the segment will include an interview with a ladies' Socceroo team member.

Ashcroft (Div. 4) is in the midst of organising the club's annual Miss Ashcroft competition. The 1977 winner was Miss Marioia Sammutt of Pendle Hill. Judges for 1978 will be prominent people from the district. A young lady of 16 or over will be chosen in October with a winning prize of $300. Another similar prize will be awarded to another lady as Miss Charity Queen. With nine entries to date, the club is looking for another six. Enquiries — phone Eddy Ciantar — 607-9750.

Despite some reshuffling, Haberfield's (Div. 5) anticipated good results are yet to come. The club recently recruited seven new players in the hope of turning the tide. Efforts will continue to lift the club from the relegation zone.

Hurstville (Div. 4) have managed to bring back Robert Zivkovic, their '77 goalkeeper, who has been with Guildford this season. Robert will join first grade 'keeper Ivan Pavlevic in reducing the goal difference conceded by the team to date.

Eastwood Town (Div. 5) have had a change of spirit as well as of name. Amalgamating with Eastwood St. Andrews, the club has adopted the latter name. A more youthful team has given the club seven points from the last four matches, which is an indication of their revival.

Paddington Spanish (Div. 5) look for better things in the remainder of the season as they have signed on Eduardo Martinez as the new coach. Returning to Paddington after two years with Haberfield, Eduardo is looking for better results with his old club.

Fairfield West Athletics (Div. 6) goalkeeper Greg Humpries has turned down an offer to represent the NSW Public Transport Commission's rep team on a tour of WA as the tour dates clash with the 6th Div. Federation final-four dates. Greg was chosen because of his good form as a goal scoring left winger within the PTC competition. Fairfield West supporters may be suprised, only having seen Greg perform in the No. 1 shirt.

Chullora (Div. 7) has high hopes for the future with both Federation teams in the top three, several teams performing well at junior level, their under-18 team undefeated and qualifying for State knock-out and also an under-21 and two under-16 teams in 1st Div. The club's Federation players will be conducting a coaching school for under-8 to under-15 goalkeepers. Club sponsors Ken Sams Toyota are very keen in assisting the junior teams.

Eastern Creek (Div. 6) players and members joined in on a great disco night last Saturday, though reserve grade captain Ron Halse, resuming light training after a pelvic injury, had a quiet night.

South Sydney Districts Club (Div. 7) welcomes home their travelling reserve grade defender John Glover. John has just rejoined his team after an eight-week trip throughout Europe. The club also would like to congratulate captain John Harden on having played his 125th first grade match and Ivor Christiansen on is 100th first grade match for the club.

West St. George (Div. 6) have added two new players to their squad: Forward Tim Hooper and defender Andrew Higgott, both from Arncliffe Scots.

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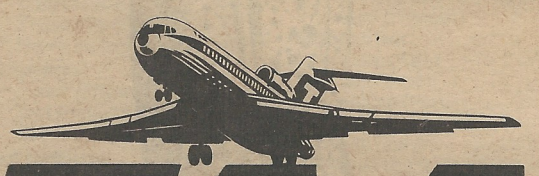

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CLUB PATROL

The University of New South Wales Soccer Club (UNSW) must have one of the most entertaining "mascots" around in their midfielder Phil Kelly's dog, SONNY. The dog is not only a loyal supporter, travelling with the team to matches, but before each game he gets up to some strange antics, namely joining Phil in "heading" practice, using his snout to keep the ball in the air and sending it back to Phil. Most teams in the second division have commented on the prematch performance and Sonny is getting quite a name in the competition — more than some of the players . . .

Bankstown is suffering from a player drought. Since the season started they have lost a few players to other clubs and even to another code. GLEN INGLE was reportedly trialling with Avala, while GARY BROOKS, the former club captain, is now playing Rugby Union in the district.

Adelaide News

– From Vic Migliaccio –

Adelaide City third division side defeated Salisbury United 3-1 on June 5 for the second round of the Federation Cup and survived a protest from the second division club for playing Dixie Deans, who arrived from Scotland two days before the event. Salisbury protested to the SASF that City played an unregistered player. Howewver, this was resolved at the recent SASF board meeting, Deans was properly registered with the Federation, but a fine will be imposed for failing to produce a player's pass.

When asked, Enfield Victoria's public relations officer David List, squashed all the rumors flying around about their coach Ian Sims by saying that Ian Sims is still Victoria's senior coach.

There is no doubt about it, women's soccer is on the move in South Australia. An association was formed only last February and they already have 16 teams competing in two divisions. Arrangements have been made to select a team to represent the State with a State coach, David Mapstone, being appointed and they will play against a Victorian team on October 14 at Adams Oval, Salisbury. Association secretary Noel McGuiness said last week that a lot of initial help in the early stages of forming the association came from Ron Roberts, Adrian Deckers and Mrs Pam Leischke from the SASF. Anyone interested in joining the SA Women's Soccer Association or needing any information required contact Mr McGuinness, phone 255-8204.

Adelaide City went ahead with celebrations in opening the new clubrooms last Saturday night without popular life member and former star Charlie Di Bartolo — for a good reason: Charlie attended his son Ian's engagement.

Elizabeth City wants to extend an invitation to all soccer fans to attend their bongo evenings every Thursday at their Ramsay Park clubrooms.

The SASF players' transfers dealings for the 1978 season closed last Friday, June 30. Former Adelaide City PSL fullback Ron Fraser was one of the last players to transfer to Elizabeth City.

Fourth and Fifth Division Clubs are asked to phone Club News to Mr Emmanuel Kanna on (day) 662-0111 ext 487 (night) 50-7380. Sixth and Seventh Division Clubs to phone Mrs Val Hokin on 604-3193.

Three players from second division Buenos Aires clubs in ARGENTINA are interested in joining Australian clubs, their main request being the securing of decent jobs here. Interested clubs should write to SW Box 5061, GPO Sydney 2001, for details.

John Watkiss, Sutherland

The 'flu is spreading like wildfire through the Sutherland club, with most players being affected in either small or massive doses. The wet weather is not helping either, as training and playing in those conditions tends to reduce the body's resistance. Even the "super fit" JOHNNY WATKISS is suffering from the outbreak.

This week the AUBURN Soccer Club is holding a "Soccer Night" for members, players and officials. All tickets have been sold, and organisers are expecting a full roll-up of 200 people.

Ku-ring-gai's ace striker GRAHAM FIRRELL made his return the other week to the first team after a week's suspension and celebrated by scoring the only goal against Queens Park.

The UNSW Soccer Club has had some tentative "feelers" from the Santa Barbara Uni Soccer Club on the possibility of a tour by the American team to Australia early next year.

Marrickville Olympic are pleased that their Brazilian striker OSCAR RAMIREZ has finally returned from Brazil after a period of three months. Oscar had to leave in a hurry when he heard that his young son had taken ill in Brazil, and he stayed with his family until all danger was over. Oscar has now returned to Australia with his family to settle here permanently.

The University of New South Wales Soccer Club wishes all the best to PHIL KELLY who turns 30 on July 13. Phil is one of the oldest players in the club, and is one of two brothers in the team.

In response to the many queries about who has the right to call off matches at Mona Park, Auburn's Secretary DEREK BEDWELL informed SW that the Auburn Municipal Council has the sole right to do so; and it seems they are using this right with "gay abandon".

Ku-ring-gai's popular player "SPIDER" McCANN, who broke his leg late last year and who has been out of action ever since, now is back at work and is walking without the aid of "sticks". He is also undergoing treatment to try and strengthen the leg so that the muscles won't become flabby.

Sutherland's all-purpose player PAUL SMITH will be out of action for at least a month as a result of a broken foot.

Kev Dobson

Auburn's powerful defender KEVIN DOBSON has resumed training after being out of action for two weeks with a strained groin.

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Bankstown, although languishing at the bottom end of the table, feel that some good has come out of the season so far, as they have discovered one of the best goalkeepers in the Sydney competition. TERRY GREADY, a 22-year-old school teacher, was transferred to Sydney at the start of the season from the North Coast, and decided to trial with 'Town. So far he has not turned on a bad performance, and each week in the SW ratings, alternates between 4 and 5 points.

Laurie Smith has resigned as chairman of the NSW Federation Disciplinary Committee, and his place has been taken by former Sutherland president Don Morrison. Laurie Smith was very well known both as a referee and as secretary of the Referees' Federation before taking on his former post, and is a great enthusiast that the game can ill afford to lose.

The Sutherland first team gave a party the other week for their team manager BILL HODGES, celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Bill and his wife Pat. Bill is also the senior vice-president of the club. The party was organised and hosted by John and Judy Watkiss at their home, and all the first team players attended in a nice tribute to a fine club man.

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CROATIA IN USA

Croatia Sydney started with a 2-1 win over Edmonton and 5-2 over Calgary in the Canadian leg of their North American tour.

The first match was played only hours after their arrival.

The remainder of the itinerary is: July 2 v Toronto Metros, July 4 v Toronto Zagreb, July 7 v Hamilton, July 8 v Cleveland, July 9 v Windsor, July 15 v Chicago, July 16 v Los Angeles.

The team is due back in Sydney on Friday, July 21, and their next State League match will be against Manly-Warringah at Cromer Park on Sunday, July 23.

They will then have their important Philips Cup clash with Newcastle, as well as State League clashes with well-placed Melita Eages and Auburn to pick up.

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Many will call but few may be chosen . . .

APIA-Liechhardt, Wollongong and the West Australian Federation are the only three bodies that have pressed Philips League applications for 1979 to discussion stage with League manager John Frank.

— By Keith Gilmour —

Bandied around have been possible applications from Grange Thistle (Brisbane), Croatia-Deakin (Canberra), Inter Monaro (Queanbeyan), Juventus (Melbourne) and Geelong (Vic.).

Grange have taken good counsel and have been accepted into the proposed Queensland State League, the most radical and welcome change in the history of Queensland soccer.

It would surprise if Deakin and Monaro really pressed their claim.

Juventus and, particularly the decentralised centre of Geelong, have potential, but much more positive information would be necessary if their interest was to be regarded seriously.

Wollongong is a different kettle of fish.

All they need is the right management and confidence. With those factors behind them the code will no longer play second fiddle to Rugby League in one of Australia's biggest provincial cities.

One early encouraging aspect is that the instigators of the new club and the president of the Illawarra District Soccer Football Association, George Naylor, are both keenly involved in the planning.

By way of speculation, Newcastle v Canberra City drew 9,000 in Newcastle last Saturday.

How many more would Newcastle and Wollongong draw both home and away.

As to APIA, there is a section in the club who would like to go it alone, but realism will creep in to the situation.

Western Suburbs knocked back an APIA approach over a year ago, but they should be that much wiser when the matter crops up again, as surely it must.

Both clubs are firmly settled in the one area and both have magnificent club premises.

There is no room for both of them at National League level, which is a carbon copy of the picture that existed in the district when Leichhardt-Annandale was the local club and APIA-Leichhardt was formed.

Regretfully as far as Western Australia is concerned, the cost of one season's expenses including air fares verges on $225,000, a virtually impossible sum to raise.

At this stage of development, the thought of following a regionalised system on the lines of the North American Soccer League with their two conferences and separate divisions has not been seriously considered by the Philips League.

NEW DISTRICT BORN THIS WEEK

A new District Association to cover the Blacktown Municipality is likely to be operative in 1979.

The Sydney Amateur Federation meets tomorrow night (Friday) to decide the matter.

Approval is highly likely as the executive of the Amateur Federation has had successful talks with the Nepean Association, Granville Association and the steering committee acting for Blacktown.

Granville district is involved as the Blacktown Association would take over Seven Hills, which is at present within its boundaries.

Nepean grew from 468 teams and 6084 players in 1977 to 512 teams and 6656 players this year.

Under the scheme both Nepean and Blacktown would have approximately the same numerical strength.

The move is one of the highlights of the 1978 junior season, which is proving very successful in spite of the poor weather.

Over all of Sydney the growth in amateur playing strength has been fairly even, and is running at 8 to 10%.

The Inter District championship has proved better than ever, with teams extending from Illawarra West to Nepean and north to Gosford and the metropolitan championship is most successful also.

Dick Bates, who has had loads of experience in running district competitions, is the competition secretary.

Amateur people are very pleased with the progress of the Metropolitan League, which fields eight senior clubs, each with two teams.

Included in the League is North Bankstown, who won the prestigious Champions of Champions and the NSW Amateur Cup in both 1976 and 1977.

Seaforth and Epping-Eastwood also field strong teams.

In all four of the clubs are from Bankstown, two from Southern and Eastern, and one each from Manly-Warringah and Gladesville-Hornsby.

Central West ideal pattern

The time has surely arrived for the NSW Central West to become the pattern for the development of high class country football.

For 30 years there has been a gradual growth in country soccer, from an almost nil start.

The pace has accelerated over the past six years.

The game is already No 1 in many parts of the country as a recreational winter sport, but it does not extend enough on a high class inter-city town club basis.

Country business people, newspapers, television and radio, licensed clubs who can be interested, and the community in general should be brought into a new scheme for high class country soccer.

There will be teething troubles, but already the country is starting to produce some of the State's best soccer talent and the framework is there for the cladding.

Western NSW is the best area for a pilot scheme as it is comparatively close knit and has many capable clubs and administrators.

The clubs concerned will have to recruit strong players and player-coaches from other areas, and to secure grounds than can be well patronised.

One possible starting point is that the strong Nepean club, with their shining new licensed club in Penrith, might consider joining in.

Town clubs have to be formed or converted from junior amateur units.

Katoomba, Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange, Parkes, Forbes, Cowra, Blayney, Wellington, Dubbo and Mudgee are amongst those deserving consideration.

Whichever cities or towns prove they have the quality of management, a good enough team and public support potential — they are the ones to comprise the league on the basis of one club per city or town.

Once the Central West League is under way the other major areas of NSW will follow.

The Murray-Murrumbidgee, with Wagga Wagga, Albury, Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera and Temora is a natural.

The North and North West have Tamworth, Gunnedah, Armidale, Moree, Narrabri, Glen Innes and Invereli and so on.

Then there are the North and South Coasts.

Up the Coast, Lismore and Casino are particularly strong points.

Now it can be all put together and a new league started in 1979.

It can all be done, because the management potential is now ready for action.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

Cumbrians chasing their first title

Cumberland, with their Rothmans League lead cut to four points following their draw with Para Hills, face a difficult contract against Beograd at Woodville West Reserve on Saturday.

Beograd have recovered from an uncertain start to collect six points from their last four games and with John Kamleitner in the form which made him a prime target for Philips League consideration, could stretch Cumberland.

Polonia, despite their loss to Azzurri last week, could prove troublesome for second placed Elizabeth City at Polonia Park.

Much of City's recent success can be attributed to their comeback king Ian Greenhaigh who has scored four goals in three games after an 18-month lay-off.

Azzurri will exude confidence after their good win over Polonia as they take on Para Hills at The Paddocks.

However, Azzurri will be minus wing striker Paul Iannace who is the only SA player in the Australian under-18 High Schools team to tour America.

Croatia surrendered a glorious chance to pull closer to Cumberland by losing to Victoria last week and they will strive to atone against Lion at Hanson Reserve.

Croatia's task will be difficult without central striker Tony Jordan who has been suspended for four matches.

Cup "experts" Noarlunga United are finding life at the top uneasy after an encouraging start to the season.

Victoria's form in disposing of Croatia suggests that United will slip further into the relegation mire when they meet at Wilf Taylor Reserve.

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

USC LIONS 1 (Rinaldo, Nerd, P. Nyskohus, Tennant, Howlett, Booth (Edwards), Kavalcenti (Jacob), Middleton, Kowalski, Caggiano (1), Bradley) drew with **BEOGRAD WOODVILLE** 1 (Flecknor, Douvartzidis (Jankovic), Wickstein, Harwood, Kleut, Sale, Maricic, Bojczuk, Kamleitner (Tsentidis), Santrac, Farkas (1). Reserves: 1-1. Juniors: 2-1.

CUMBERLAND 0 (Parks, Balopitos, Rohal (Rayner), Duncombe, Nash, T. Ellis (Davis), Hollis, Holland, Mexom, Lyons, Colley) drew with **PARA HILLS** 0 (Stoneham, J. Stevens, McDonald, D. Stephens, Cartwright, Tomlinson, Cuds, Stocco, Vouulato, Clark). Reserves: 0-0. Juniors: 0-2.

ED AZZURRI 2 (Metanomski (Dibiasi), Simione (1), Barone, Marusic, Affede, Alder, Serafini, Sederini, Russo, Manolev, Iannace (1) beat **POLONIA ADELAIDE** 1 (Jacques, Myszyca, M. Kolecki, Dooley, Stanczak, Di Bartolo, Pettit (Pietrus), Poloczek, H. Kolecki, Kritikos, Cadenaro (1). Reserves: 1-0. Juniors: 3-0.

ENFIELD VICTORIA 1 (Green, Higgins, Waxmann, Fyfe, Schoenfeldt, Lane, Boyle, Mitchell, Georgines (1), Tuffs, Hopper (Bourke) beat **CROATIA** 0 (Przybylske, Williams (Ilicic), Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar, Thomson, Harrow, Pople, Jordan (Rogusic), Bendall, Hayes). Reserves: 2-1, Juniors: 2-1.

ELIZABETH CITY 4 (Brewin (Delfos), Hines, Fraser, Preston, Henderson, Lees (1), McGregor (1), Strain, Greenhalgh (2), Boyd, Dobbin) beat **NOARLUNGA** 2 (Young, Cartwight, Ottaway, Greig, Brown, Wetton (Whapplington), White, M. Moore, G. Moore (Artis), Foy (1), Daglish). Reserves: 2-2. Juniors: 0-1.

SECOND DIVISION: Modbury 0 v **Birkalla Rovers** 1 (Jones), Res. 1-1, Jnrs. 1-3; **Don Largs Utd.** 1 (Howlett) v **Port Adelaide** 0, Res. 0-0, Jnrs. 0-1; **Salisbury Utd.** 3 (Brown 2, Johnson) v **Campbelltown Budapest** 2 (Booth, Mail), Res. 2-1, Jnrs. 0-1; **South Adelaide** 1 (Totsikas) v **Orange Sturt Utd.** 1 (Marwe), Res. 2-0, Jnrs. 1-0; **Windsor Athletic** 2 (Perry, Barendrought) v **West Fields APAC** 3 (Campbell 3), Res. 2-3, Jnrs. 0-8.

THIRD DIVISION: Adelaide City 1 v **West Adelaide** 1, Res. 1-0, Jnrs. 0-2; **Noarlunga City** 2 v **Brighton City** 0, Res. 2-1, Jnrs. 3-1: **West Torrens** 3 v **Sait** 2. Res: 1-0, Jnrs. 2-4; **Adelaide Uni.** 1 v **Flinders Uni.** 0, Res. 0-0, Jnrs. 7-0.

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE TOP GOALSCORERS: J. Serafini (ED Azzurri) 9, D. Leane (Cumberland) 7, A. Jordan (Croatia) 7, S. Caggiano (USC Lion) 7, R. Tuffs (Enfield Vic.) 6, J. Foy (Noarlunga) 6, T. Hayes (Croatia) 5, B. Welsh (Cumberland) 4, A. Archer (Para Hills) 4, J. Kamleitner (Beograd) 4, J. Larecki (Polonia) 4, W. Bojczuk (Beograd) 4, N. Lees (Elizabeth) 4, I. Greenhalgh (Elizabeth) 4.

FIRST DIVISION

Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland Utd	8	3	1	20	9	19
Elizabeth City	5	5	2	14	10	15
Croatia	5	3	4	19	12	13
ED Azzurri	6	1	5	17	13	13
Enfield Victoria	4	4	4	17	16	12
Polonia Adelaide	5	2	5	13	17	12
Para Hills	3	4	5	10	14	10
USC Lion	3	4	5	12	19	10
Beograd Woodville	3	3	6	12	17	9
Noarlunga United	2	3	7	15	22	7
Reserves						
Elizabeth City	7	4	1	29	11	18
Polonia Adelaide	7	2	3	17	9	16
Para Hills	6	2	4	14	11	14
Beograd Woodville	4	5	3	20	19	13
USC Lion	3	6	3	13	18	12
Noarlunga United	3	4	4	11	11	10
Cumberland Utd	3	4	4	10	12	10
Enfield Victoria	4	2	6	11	15	10
Croatia	2	6	4	13	18	10
ED Azzurri	2	1	9	9	23	5
Juniors						
Polonia Adelaide	10	1	1	37	10	21
ED Azzurri	7	3	2	20	9	17
Para Hills	6	4	2	19	9	16
Enfield Victoria	7	2	3	19	15	16
Beograd Woodville	5	2	5	28	26	12
Noarlunga United	4	2	5	12	14	10
Elizabeth City	3	1	8	16	22	7
Croatia	3	1	8	9	23	7
USC Lion	3	1	8	14	33	7
Cumberland Utd	2	1	8	9	22	5

SECOND DIVISION

Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Fields APAC	8	4	—	26	21	20
Camp'town B'pest	8	3	1	23	13	19
Port Adelaide	7	2	3	29	13	16
Birkalla Rovers	6	2	4	23	13	14
Orange Sturt	5	4	3	14	17	14
Windsor Athletic	4	4	4	14	11	12
Modbury	3	2	7	15	18	8
Salisbury United	2	3	7	7	17	7
Don Largs United	3	—	9	10	21	6
South Adelaide	1	2	9	3	29	4
Reserves						
Camp'town B'pest	11	—	1	31	9	22
Birkalla Rovers	6	5	1	24	9	17
West Fields APAC	7	3	2	17	12	17
Port Adelaide	5	2	5	14	17	12
Orange Sturt	4	3	5	12	13	11
Windsor Athletic	5	1	6	15	17	11
South Adelaide	3	3	6	18	25	9
Modbury	2	4	6	11	15	8
Don Largs United	2	3	7	11	19	7
Salisbury United	2	2	8	11	28	6
Juniors						
Salisbury United	9	1	2	38	8	19
West Fields APAC	9	—	3	44	10	18
Birkalla Rovers	8	1	3	35	19	17
Port Adelaide	8	1	3	25	9	17
Camp'town B'pest	7	1	4	31	13	15
Modbury	6	1	5	29	27	13
South Adelaide	5	—	7	17	28	10
Don Largs United	1	3	8	11	37	5
Orange Sturt	1	1	10	5	37	3
Windsor Athletic	1	1	10	8	55	3

THIRD DIVISION

Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
Adelaide City	7	2	—	28	10	16
Noarlunga City	6	3	1	24	12	15
West Torrens	5	3	2	22	16	13
West Adelaide	6	—	2	34	11	12
Adelaide Uni	2	2	5	12	23	6
SAIT	2	1	6	9	19	5
Flinders Uni	1	3	6	8	25	5
Brighton City	1	—	8	9	30	2

By Vic Migliaccio

Reserves						
Noarlunga City	7	2	1	17	8	16
Adelaide City	6	1	2	23	9	13
West Torrens	5	1	4	16	10	11
West Adelaide	5	1	2	13	7	11
Adelaide Uni	4	2	3	15	13	10
SAIT	3	2	4	5	10	8
Brighton City	1	2	6	8	14	4
Flinders Uni	—	1	9	1	27	1
Juniors						
Adelaide City	7	2	—	34	7	16
West Adelaide	7	1	—	38	3	15
SAIT	6	1	2	30	13	13
Adelaide Uni	5	1	3	25	12	11
Noarlunga City	5	—	5	32	22	10
Brighton City	2	1	6	18	28	5
West Torrens	2	—	8	14	35	4
Flinders Uni	—	—	10	4	75	—

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Orange Sturt Utd	10	1	1	37	5	21
Adelaide Uni Black	10	1	1	37	14	21
Torrens Blue	10	—	2	52	6	20
Italian Students	7	—	5	32	20	14
SAIT	4	4	4	29	23	12
Surt CAE	4	4	4	24	22	12
Adelaide Uni Red	4	4	4	20	28	12
Adelaide Uni White	4	2	6	23	29	10
Graduates	4	1	7	13	27	9
Adelaide Uni Blue	1	4	7	7	33	6
Torrens Gold	2	1	9	15	32	5
Flinders Uni	1	—	11	14	64	2

GAGGED PRESS

With players of both sides demonstrating brilliant innovative tactics the Press team drew 3-3 with the Radio-TV select in the annual Alitalia Charity Cup match at Olympic Sports Field last Sunday.

The game, which helped Channel 10's Medical Research Foundation Appeal, was notable for the outstanding performances of several newcomers to soccer.

The Radio-TV team were superbly served by Barry Ion and Tony Pilkington (5AD's Bazza and Pilko) who astounded with their amazing heading ability.

The Press countered with a powerfully aggressive display by "The News" football writer Stephen Middleton and "The Advertiser" cadets Paul Willoughby and Nick Ross.

Referee John Woodward must surely have put himself into contention for a FIFA badge by his adroit handling of this testing struggle.

The Press 3 v Radio-TV 3. **Goals:** The Press: Price, Toutsidis, Crisp; Radio-TV: Kelvin, Pangalo, Davies. **Best:** The Press: Meek, Hale, Middleton; Radio-TV: Ion, Pangalo, Pilkington.

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THIS WEEK

JULY 8

FIRST DIVISION

Polonia Adelaide v Elizabeth City	Polonia Reserve
Para Hills v ED Azzurri	The Paddocks
Croatia v USC Lion	Hanson Reserve
Noarlunga Utd V Enfield Vic.	Wilf Taylor Reserve
Beograd Woodville v Cumberland Utd	W'ville West Reserve

SECOND DIVISION

Port Adelaide v Salisbury Utd	John Hart Reserve
Birkalla Rovers v Don Largs Utd	Camden Oval
Orange Sturt Utd v Windsor Athletic	Mortlock Park
Campbelltown B'pest v Sth Adelaide	Newton Sport Grd
West Fields APAC v Modbury	MacPherson Soccer Grd

THIRD DIVISION

Brighton City v West Torrens	Kauri Parade Reserve
West Adelaide v Noarlunga City	Hindmarsh Stadium
Flinders Uni v Adelaide City	Flinders University Grd
S.A.I.T. v Adelaide Uni	Soccer Oval

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 15

FEDERATION CUP

2.45pm	C'belitown B'pest v Para Hills	Newton Sports Grd
	Noarlunga Utd v Adel City	Wiltona Reserve
	Adelaide Uni v Croatia	Rushworth Reserve
	Cumberland v Enfield Vic	Bailey Reserve

BALLETTI CUP

2.45pm	Polonia Adel v Eliz City	Polonia Reserve
12.45pm	Windsor Athletic v N'lunga City	T. K. Shutter Reserve
	Campbelltown B'Pest v APAC	Newton Sports Grd.

JUNIORS CUP

12.45pm	ED Azzurri v Adelaide Uni	Adelaide Reserve
	Para Hills v Modbury	The Paddocks
	Polonia Adelaide v West Adelaide	Polonia Reserve
	Enfield Victoria v USC Lions	Rushworth Reserve

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

St. George 1 (1) — Syd. Olympic 2 (0)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 3, Utjesenovic 3, Grosse 4, Harris 3, Terry 3, Coates 3, J. O'Shea 3, Hensman 4, Morgan 2, O'Connor 4, Tonanez 3 (R. O'Shea: 80m).

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Bell 4, Luckett 3, Cross 4, Wilson 3, D. Allen 3, Jamieson 4, Pirie 3, Laing 4, **Ainslie** 5.

Goals: 1-0 Hensman (36m), 1-1 Jamieson (54m), 1-2 Ainslie (90m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 1500. **Caution:** Coe.

With the seconds literally ticking away, Alan Ainslie, the former St. George player, shovelling the ball out of a mass of legs, bodies and mud, took a few strides away from the mess and calmly placed the ball past Martin Coe into the net for a devastating winner. Perhaps a draw would have been a fairer result, but one cannot deny that Ainslie fully deserved that goal after a brilliant performance. He was energetic throughout, grafting in midfield, always lurking somewhere on the left wing to combine with either Cross or Luckett to torment Saints' flank, and as usual he was more than willing to try a piercing left foot shot. The first period was a highly entertaining affair, with flowing end to end football played in heavy conditions, but with comparatively few clear chances. Hensman and O'Connor were both cutting swaths through the Olympic defence, creating several good chances, and it was typical that they combined to score Saints' goal. O'Connor outpaced his marker and his shot was slowed down sufficiently in the mud to allow Hensman to slip it into the unguarded net. Ainslie was involved in Olympic's first goal, sending over a "wicked" curving corner which Jamieson guided into the far, low corner of the net. Saints seemed stunned by the goal and were not the same force in the second half, allowing Ainslie, Jamieson, Laing and Allen full rein in midfield. However, it took the "Greeks" a long time to score the winner, and then it came mainly through an individual piece of brilliance.

— S. DETTRE

Footscray 2 (1) — West. Suburbs 3 (0)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Hazabent 4, Kazi 4, Kriaris 3, Kondarios 3, Rujevic 3, Palinkas 4, Ilioski 3, Piciaone 4, Lujic 3, Ristovski 3.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Woodhouse 3, Campbell 3 (Vernons), Turnbull 4, Rowden 4, Wilson 4, Harding 3, Stone 3, B. O'Donnell 3, Fisher 4, Eaton 4, Drews 3.

Goals: 0-1 Palinkas (16m), 0-2 Lujic (57m), 1-2 Turnbull (63m), 2-2 Eaton (68m), 2-3 (Fisher (72m). **Referee:** Mellings. **Crowd:** 550. **Caution:** Kazi.

Fresh from their success over Easts-Hakoah in Sydney, Footscray started the game full of confidence and seemed set for another win, but at the end went down to Western Suburbs by an odd goal, increasing their record of home losses. The first 15 minutes of the game Footscray was in control at midfield and was unlucky when Piciaone missed a header from close range. A good move by Western Suburbs saw Eaton kicking wide over the bar. Palinkas opened the score when Woodhouse misjudged a cross from Ristovski. Although Footscray dominated the midfield, Western Suburbs' attacks were more dangerous and a 20-metre bombshell by Harding was saved by Boland in great style. After half time when Lujic scored a second goal, Footscray seemed set for an easy win, but when Western Suburbs suddently hit back scoring three goals in nine minutes, Footscray surrendered their domination in midfield. The Sydney side outplayed Footscray at that stage and several times went very close to increasing their win. In a desperate move Footscray replaced Kriaris and the limping Palinkas with Nicolaidis and Vasic and threw everyone forward, but Western defence stood solidly till the final whistle.

— S. KALUS

Fitzroy 4 (1) — Sth. Melbourne 1 (1)

FITZROY: Blasby 3, McMillan 4, Provan 3, O'Reilly 4, Tansey 4, Bannon 4, Taylor 4, Campbell 4, Bozikas 4, Cole 4, Buljevic 4.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 3, Pye 3, Kalafatidis 3, Baxter 3, Hatzimanuel 4, Lutton 3, Wright 4, Rogers 4, Cummings 3, Christopoulos 3, Campbell 4.

Goals: 0-1 Rogers (7m), 1-1 Campbell (20m), 2-1 Buljevic (56m), 3-1 Buljevic (73m), 4-1 McMillan (79m). **Crowd:** 10,000.

Fitzroy won the local Greek derby in a fascinating style and set a new record for not being defeated in 10 games since John Margaritis took charge of the team. Coming from behind Fitzroy moved from the bottom of the ladder and for the first time this season got a place in the four. Olympic Park, despite the wet conditions and a very cold afternoon, had a record crowd for a local game. Fitzroy's win was well deserved — the bad ground conditions suited their players much better. South Melbourne's only player who moved freely on the heavy ground was George Campbell — one of the best players in the game. After an even first half South Melbourne came out in the second half full of fire, missing several good opportunities. Buljevic was lucky to finish a great shot by Campbell and Fitzroy were leading 2-1. It took Fitzroy only three minutes to increase the lead when Buljevic passed to Campbell who beat Reilly with a well placed kick. Fitzroy were still firing and McMillan made it 4-1. South Melbourne were trying desperately to reduce the margin and several opportunities were wasted by Wright and Rogers.

— S. KALUS

Newcastle 3 (1) — Canberra City 0 (0)

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 4, Willis 4, Curran 4, Drinkwater 3, **Summerscales** 5, Mason 3, Amey 3, Johnston 3, Galpin 3, **Boden** 5, Mountford 4.

CANBERRA CITY: Lindemayer 3, Hogg 3 (Heywood: 61m), Brown 4, Stark 4, Milovanovic 3, Henderson 4, **Stoddart** 5, Cant 4, Davies 4, Byrne 3, Marinello 4.

Goals: 1-0 Boden (2m), 2-0 Boden (47m), 3-0 Curran (82m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson (Sydney). **Crowd:** 9057. **Cautions:** Marinello, Cant.

It is no wonder Canberra City coach John Warren looked to the heavens as though seeking a solution to his dilemma on match winning team selections. He had just witnessed Canberra concede three goals to give Newcastle United their biggest win of the season, before a crowd of 9057. Yet at no time did Canberra look a three-goal inferior team; in fact, for most of the first half, Warren's charges had a distinct edge of the locals, except in the goalscoring art. Canberra found themselves in arrears before two minutes had elapsed; 18-year-old goalkeeper David Lindemayer was completely deceived by ace striker Ken Boden, whose footwork artistry took him past John Brown before placing the ball in casual fashion wide of the 'keeper. Lindemayer was making his first appearance, regular goalkeeper Ron Tilsed being dropped from the side. For the remainder of the opening half, Canberra's midfield line was far more impressive than Newcastle's Craig Mason, Craig Johnston and Bill Amey. Sterling defensive work by Summerscales and Drinkwater snuffed out Terry Byrne, though elusive forward Peter Marinello created an air of uncertainty in the Newcastle backline when in possession. Goalkeeper Phil Dando continued his recent fine form with a series of effective clearances from Tony Henderson, Marinello and John Davies. But hardworking Brian Stoddart should be severely spanked for missing the opportunity of the match just before halftime. He strode through a hesitant defence and with the entire goal looming large before him, steered the ball just wide of the upright — a miss which was to prove extremely costly. Stoddart, who appears to be carrying too much weight, nevertheless shamed some of his sleeker looking opponents with his industry and determination to win the ball. As if that early goal was not enough to strangle Canberra's hopes, worse was to follow. Two minutes into the secondhalf, central defender John Brown handled and Boden sweetly swept the ball into the net from the penalty spot. Dando was again in action to make a spectacular save from a blistering 20-metre drive from Henderson. In the 82nd minute, following a neat set play free kick, the thundering boot of left back Colin Curran sent the ball through a ruck of defenders and Lindemayer was beaten by a defensive deflection. This was only the second occasion this season that Newcastle have scored three goals in one match, the other being that creditable 3-2 win over St. George in Sydney. Defensively, Newcastle are particularly sound, having conceded only four goals in their last five outings against such strong opposition as West Adelaide, South Melbourne and Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

— MYLES HAY

Adelaide City 4 (1) — Marconi 0

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Muir 4, **Besir** 5, **Lister** 5, Perin 4, Muniz 4, Deans 4, Marwe 4, J. **Nyskohus** 5, Northcote 4.

MARCONI: Maher 3, Brogan 3, Degney 4, Russell 4, Prskalo 3, Selvage 4, Ollerton 3, Vieri 3, Rooney 4, Mariani 4, Sharne 3.

Goals: 1-0 J. Nyskohus (35m), 2-0 J. Nyskohus (50m), 3-0 Northcote (65m), 4-0 Perin (85m). **Referee:** D. Yelland (Vic.) **Crowd:** 5123. **Cautions:** Brogan, Besir.

Marconi were last season's bridesmaids because of two league losses to Adelaide City and they could be again this year as a result of this amazing game. City achieved their success with a splendid all-round team effort of the highest magnitude. The performance rose to such dizzy heights that almost every player could be considered for top rating. City's back four, John Besir, Frank Lister, Jimbo Muir and Bugsy Nyskohus, were superb as they set the standard for their accomplished team-mates. The mid-field trio, John Perin, Agenor Muniz and Brian Northcote were constructive and destructive as the occasion demanded in eclipsing Marconi's middle men, Jimmy Rooney, Roberto Vieri and Stewart Selvage. Up front, two-goal man Johnny Nyskohus has seldom performed better and the little dynamo was expertly aided and abetted by Dixie Deans and makeshift winger Robert Marwe. That City were able to reduce Marconi to a stumbling wreck was the more meritorious because they were without Gary Marocchi and Fred Yung. Marconi, on the other hand, belied their reputation as they were almost completely devoid of effective communication. Marconi coach Rale Rasic summarised it dejectedly: "We were beaten by a far better team." Rasic didn't mask his disappointment as he charged his team with lacking in determination and spirit. Those commodities abounded in the City line-up as they hit the front when a right wing cross from Muniz was dummied by Deans and Johnny Nyskohus rammed the ball into the roof of the net from 15 metres. The off-side trap which frustrated City during the first half back-fired on Marconi five minutes after the interval when Marwe lobbed into the centre where Johnny Nyskohus rounded Alan Maher before pushing the ball into the vacant goal. Marwe started the move which brought the third goal when he sent Northcote away on a sortie which ended as he crashed a rebound home after Maher had spilled Northcote's original shot.

— ALLAN CRISP

Brisbane Lions 1 (0) — West Adelaide 0 (0)

LIONS: Lownds 4, Wilson 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 4, **Potter** 5, Neale 4 (Stewart: 84m), Amos 4, Laslo 3, **Fairbrother** 5, Hughes 4.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Reynolds 4, Jones 3, Kampas 4, Tymczyczyn 3, McGachey 4, **Boyle** 5, Bozanic 4 (Norris: 67m), Honeyman 4, Pillans 4, McGregor 4.

Goal: Neale (73m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 2400. **Cautions:** Kampas, Amos.

Lions chose their day well. For weeks the team, struggling to find that something that brings it all together, waited until their nemesis from Adelaide, the exciting Westad combination, came to Perry Park, to turn in a performance that will probably be as close to "total football" as we are likely to see in Brisbane. Coach Vincze, plagued by injury problems, moved captain Potter into midfield and must have crossed his fingers and made the greatest pre-match talk of all time for it was obvious from the start that no Lions player was going to play second fiddle to his Westad counterpart. With a Westad team containing class players like Boyle, Honeyman and McGachey, to name a few, the outcome was a game that almost burned the grass off the pitch. All over the field high class individual battles were going on, much to the delight of the crowd who could do nothing more than show their appreciation of the level of entertainment. Fairbrother threw down the gauntlet to Jones and Kampas, finishing the game exhausted, but triumphant. Potter v Boyle in midfield was a contest for the purist, and with Hermiston equating Barry Reynolds by throwing his own brand of overlapping into the contest, the second half blossomed into probably the finest display of all round attacking soccer purveyed by two teams in Brisbane Philips League football. By the end every player on the field was deserving of maximum points such was the way every one of them applied themselves to the task of entertaining the public. A tremendous advert for Philips League, Lions have only to reproduce this form to be a real force in the competition.

— JIM BINNIE

TOP SCORERS

C. Eaton (Wests)	10
Boden (Newcastle)	8
Campbell (Fitzroy)	8
Cole (Fitzroy)	8
Fisher (Wests)	8
Gruicic (Canberra)	8
Jankovics (Marconi)	8
Vieri (Marconi)	8
O'Connor (St. George)	7
Ollerton (Marconi)	7
Campbell (Hakoah)	6
J. Nyskohus (Ad. City)	6
Sharne (Marconi)	6

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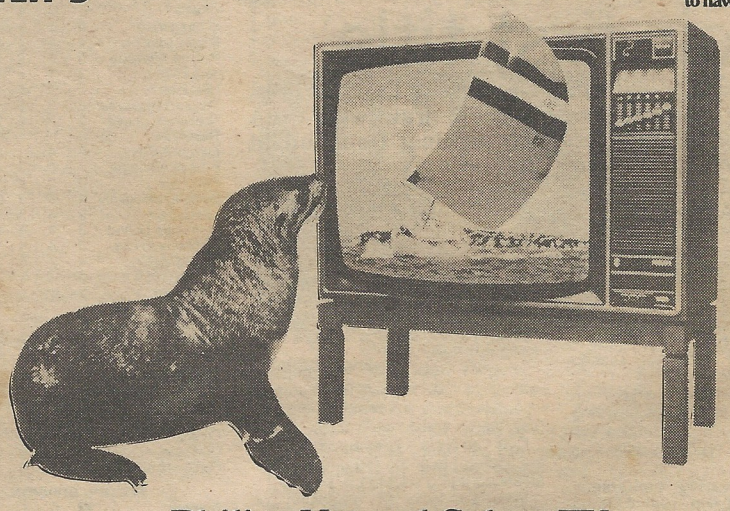

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BRISBANE

Lions may have come up with one of those dream players, the type who walks in off the street and asks for a game. Seems this lad, a Dutchman, played second division soccer in Holland with a club called "Be Quick".

His name is Edwin Bylstra and so far no official clearance has come through for him. However, in unofficial trial matches he has certainly shown a lot of nice touches, though obviously out of condition.

City also have made a signing, bringing in another English import. David Ratcliffe, who played with Bradford City in English League soccer, had his first run last weekend with Spencer Park, City's reserve string who play in Brisbane's first division. Again David showed nice touches, while obviously adjusting his game to the new environment. As City's PSL game was called off it isn't known whether Ratcliffe would have travelled to Sydney.

City's likeable young coach, Denis Ford, has resigned from his Queensland Director of Coaching position and is now concentrating full-time on City's PSL squad. This is a sign of his confidence in his squad and it is hoped they start to show their rightful form soon. It is not known who or when the new Director of Coaching will be or will commence duties.

QSF president Bill Waddell and secretary Alan Vessey spent time in Rockhampton last week vetting Rockhampton's entry, or should we say proposed entry, into next season's State League. Rockhampton knocked first division team Merton out of the State-wide Ampol Cup last week, so adding credibility to their claim.

— JIM BINNIE

NEWCASTLE

Craig Johnston and Bob Mountford will play their last game for Newcastle KB United against St. George next Saturday at the International Sports Centre.

A crowd in the region of 10,000 is expected to see Tottenham Hotspur's Ralph Coates in action for St. George.

Johnston returns to take up duties with Middlesbrough in a bid to consolidate a regular first team spot, while Mountford has been transferred from Huddersfield to Halifax Town.

An injury to great young prospect Lloyd Hardes has added to coach Allan Vest's problems with his midfield.

— M. HAY

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings

	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI	18	11	4	3	39	20	26	9	7	1	1	26	11	15	9	4	3	2	13	9	11
2 (2) WEST ADELAIDE	18	11	2	5	27	19	24	8	5	—	3	14	10	10	10	6	2	2	13	9	14
3 (5) FITZROY	18	7	7	4	29	25	21	9	5	3	1	17	8	13	9	2	4	3	12	17	8
4 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE	18	7	7	4	25	21	21	9	4	3	2	14	10	11	9	3	4	2	11	11	10
5 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	18	6	8	4	25	24	20	9	3	5	1	11	9	11	9	3	3	3	14	15	9
6 (4) SYDNEY CITY*	17	7	5	5	31	19	19	9	4	2	3	14	8	10	8	3	3	2	17	11	9
7 (7) ADELAIDE CITY	18	7	4	7	27	25	18	10	5	2	3	18	11	12	8	2	2	4	9	14	6
8 (9) WESTERN SUBURBS	18	6	5	7	32	35	17	9	3	4	2	16	14	10	9	3	1	5	16	21	7
9 (8) FOOTSCRAY	18	5	6	7	17	22	16	9	1	2	6	8	14	4	9	4	4	1	9	8	12
10 (12) NEWCASTLE	18	4	7	7	24	30	15	9	2	4	3	14	15	8	9	2	3	4	19	15	7
11 (11) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	18	5	5	8	24	32	15	8	1	2	5	10	15	4	10	4	3	3	14	17	11
12 (10) BRISBANE CITY	17	6	2	9	21	28	14	9	4	1	4	10	12	9	8	2	1	5	11	16	5
13 (13) ST. GEORGE	18	5	2	11	21	29	12	9	4	—	5	12	13	8	9	1	2	6	7	13	4
14 (14) CANBERRA	18	1	10	7	18	31	12	9	—	8	1	12	14	8	9	1	2	6	6	17	4

*Previously Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

CANBERRA

There must now be some doubt about Ivan Gruicic's soccer future, after he refused to sit on the bench in Newcastle last Saturday. This is the second time this season that the team's top scorer has taken such action.

Defender Gary Parker didn't make the trip to Newcastle for disciplinary reasons and Danny Moulis due to injury in training the night before. Goalkeeper Ron Tilsed has been dropped, allowing 18-year-old David Lindenmeyer a chance to settle in.

The Canberra City Supporters song should be out on record in a month. It has been played at recent home games, and features vocals by supporters' club secretary Ron Wilson and promotions director Steve Doszpot.

Canberra City and Newcastle supporters expressed the wish that the PSL contain more multiethnic, district based clubs, pinpointing this as the only real way soccer can make an acceptable impact in Australia. This came at a very friendly three-hour post match gathering in Newcastle last Saturday.

The case for admitting teams from Wollongong, Perth, Geelong and western NSW is certainly tempting when one considers the Canberra and Newcastle attendance averages: Canberra over 5500 (population 210,000); Newcastle about 7600 (population 370,000).

Yet both teams have sat at or near the bottom of the table for much of the season, and both suffer from the Saturday afternoon handicap . . .

— CHRIS KUNZ

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PHILIPS CUP DRAW

Last Monday in Melbourne the pre-arranged draw of the second round of the Philips Cup was announced.

The pairings had been known, only the identity of the home side had to be determined by the drawing of lots.

The pairings are:

- **Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City**
- **Sydney City v Olympic**
- **St. George v West. Sub.**
- **Newcastle v Croatia**
- **G. Cross v Canberra**
- **Fitzroy v South Melbourne**
- **Beograd (SA) v Essendon (Vic)**
- **West Adelaide v Adelaide City**

The first named team is the home side.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Canberra v Brisbane Lions	Bruce Stad., 3pm
Newcastle v St. George	Int. Sp. Centre, 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Sth Melb v Footscray	Middle Park, 3.00pm
Marconi v Sydney City	Marconi Oval, 3pm
West Adel v Fitz Utd	Hindmarsh Stad, 2.30pm
Bris. City v West Subs.	Perry Park, 3pm
Olympic v Adel. City	Erskineville, 3pm

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Olympic v Newcastle	Erskineville, 3pm
Western Sub. v Marconi	Wentworth, 3pm
Footscray v West Adel.	Middle Park, 3pm
Fitzroy v Canberra	Olympic Park, 3pm
Adel. City v Sydney City	Olympic Fld., 2.30pm
St. George v Brisbane Lions	Barton Park, 3pm
Brisbane City v Sth. Melbourne	Perry Park, 3pm

Can St. George take goals to Newcastle?

Fitzroy find themselves involved in yet another "top-of-the-table" clash this week as they take on West Adelaide, now back to earth after their defeat last week, the first in nine outings.

— By Stephen Dettre —

Fitzroy inflicted a devastating defeat on their arch-rivals South Melbourne last week, with Buljevic showing he has really come back into top form by whacking in a pair to follow up on the goal he got against Wests the other week.

The Fitzroy front line has been finding the net regularly, with 13 goals in their past five matches; no wonder with the likes of Campbell, Bozikas and Buljevic as the strikers.

West Adelaide were unfortunate enough to run into Lions on one of the Brisbane team's good days, and so lost the chance to draw level with Marconi.

However, one feels that the Westad side has enough spirit and determination to fight back, and this encounter should be a very close one.

Fitzroy are the "in-form" team at present so they must be slight favorites to take both points, though Westad have more to fight for and a draw could result.

Without a victory in 14 weeks, Canberra try again this week at the Bruce Stadium against the powerful Lions collection, now lying in fifth position and perfectly placed to leapfrog into one of the top four spots at the slightest hint of faltering by either Fitzroy or South Melbourne.

Analysing the problem at Canberra has become one of the most vexing of the season, and I won't even try to go into it here.

However, it has become patently clear to everyone that they just cannot score goals in sufficient quantities to get both points.

Terry Byrne is a deadly striker, but is too injury prone, while Marinello is undoubtedly talented but not a fighting leader, and that is what is badly needed.

Lions are unpredictable; a preview writer's nightmare, for they reverse their own form constantly.

However, against a deflated Canberra, Bennett, Morris and the other Lions should have little trouble and should stay closer to the top four pack with a handy two points.

Newcastle gave their loyal supporters a great lift last week with another home victory, only their second of the season, and on present form could well deliver the goods again this week.

The "KBers" played some of their best football of the year to throw Canberra aside in a three-goal blitz, with Galpin, Boden and Mason again showing the way.

Mason is still the most underrated player in the league, being a polished midfielder who likes to attack as well as defend, and who can pack an almighty shot.

Boden is a dangerous striker, in that he not only can score goals, but he also draws the attention of defenders away from fellow strikers, allowing them room to move and set up chances for Newcastle.

Saints were desperately unlucky last week to concede that last minute goal, but it was their own fault for throwing away their positive wing play of the first period for an unclear, hesitant policy in the second half.

Both Hensman and O'Connor are the epitomy of dangerous, fast wingers who can take on defenders and beat them with skill and speed, then send over either tantalising high balls, low crosses, or try a shot themselves.

Tonanez is settling down in midfield and will be a great asset, and although he isn't showing too much creativity, Ralph Coates is doing a tremendous amount of work and is trying to lift the spirit of the Saints camp.

How effective he is we will see this week, with my tip being a draw.

The two defeated Melbourne teams meet this week as South Melbourne take on Footscray.

It is quite possible that the crowd won't be as impressive as last week's 10,000-plus figure, as the Greek fans are likely to show their displeasure at South's loss by staying away, while Footscray have been unable to arouse much support this year from the Yugoslav community at all.

Souths must win to maintain their position, and knowing Dave McLaren that point will be driven home hard.

"Plavi", on the other hand, are unlikely to make the play-offs, but will still go out intent upon playing attractive football.

Whether that will be good enough to stop Melbourne time will tell, but I predict a South Melbourne victory.

What can be said about Marconi: for the second time in four weeks they went interstate and came back to Sydney with a four-goal hiding as the end result, leaving the critics to wonder whether they made their dash for the championship too early and are now running out of steam.

It does seem strange though that the leading team has been defeated by such heavy scores, not to mention the demoralising 2-1 loss at the hands of Footscray.

This week they take on Sydney City (ex-Hakoah) at Bossley, and it will be interesting to see what crowd response Marconi get from their fans, who, like the rest of us, must be wondering what has happoened to their beloved team.

Sydney City, after a welcome week's rest owing to the abandoned match against Brisbane City, should be fresh and fighting fit to take on the Sydney giants in what is undoubtedly the match of the round in Sydney.

The interesting feature will be the clash of the wingers, with two different styles.

Marconi relies on the sheer speed of Peter Sharne along the flanks, while Joe Watson and Hilton Silva are not as swift, but rely more on explosive starts and greater skill to get by their man.

Also, with such talent in the forward lines as Ollerton, Campbell, Trenter and Mariani, and with Vieri, Rooney and Barnes and Stevenson controlling things in midfield, a great battle could result, with Marconi slight favorites to win by the odd goal.

Western Suburbs halted their downward slide last week with a fine win over Footscray, emphasising their fighting qualities, coming from behind to snatch victory.

Brisbane City, as a result of not playing last week, dropped into the danger zone, and now lie only two points ahead of St. George and Canberra.

City are an industrous side, with a fine midfielder in Larry Gaffney, the boy from Wollongong who made good and who has really come to the fore this year in the Brisbane team, as has Steve Perry, the smallest centre back in the league, but by no means the easiest to beat.

Wests also have some bright Australian talent, notably Peter Stone, a forceful midfielder who is capable of turning a match with his probing runs and fierce shots, and Rod Skellern, a calm, young defender, rarely ruffled by anything, and always willing to help in attack.

Brisbane City have not had the best of luck at home, while Wests' record away from home is also unimpressive, but the Sydney team should come out on top.

Sydney Olympic, with two precious victories under their belt, take on the elegant Adelaide City, destroyers of Marconi for the second time in two years by a score of 4-0.

Last year Adelaide came to Sydney and whipped the pants off Marconi at Bossley by 4-0, while last week they did it again for the benefit of their Adelaide fans.

In fact, in the two PSL seasons, Marconi has managed to get only one point from Adelaide, a draw at the start of this season in Sydney.

Adelaide were spurred on last week by their diminutive striker John Nyskohous who scored twice along with Brian Northcote and that fine midfielder Johnny Perin.

Midfield seems to be Adelaide's strong point, with the likes of Perin, Marocchi, Muniz and Besir all able to fulfil their duties with great poise and efficiency.

Up front we will see two of the great PSL guest players in Dixie Deans and Billy Pirie, two Scots who the Italians and Greeks have taken to heart as their own.

The Olympic supporters should be out in force for what will be an interesting clash, in which I favor Adelaide to take the honors.

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THURSDAY, JULY 6: Movie — 8.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 7: Special Guest — Patti Williams — 8.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 8: 2nd Heat of Talent Quest.

SUNDAY, JULY 9: Chris Bail's Disco Nite — 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 10: Old time dancing.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12: Chris Bail's Disco Nite — 7.30 p.m.

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah		0-0	2-1	1-2	23/7	20/8	6/8	1-2	1-3	2/7	0-0	5-0	3-0	1-0
Marconi	9/7		4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-2	26/7	20/8	6/8	4-2
Fitzroy	1-1	4-1		3-0	0-3	23/7	1-1	27/8	0-0	1-0	4-1	3-1	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	4-0	20/8		4-2	1-0	1-2	0-1	6/8	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-1
West. Sub.	3-2	16/7	2-3	30/7		2-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	6/8	2-2	20/8	1-1
St. George	1-3	13/8	2-0	2-1	27/8		0-1	30/7	16/7	2-0	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-3
West Adel.	3-2	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4		1-2	3-0	23/7	3-1	0-1	2-0	1-0
Footscray	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	2-3	2-0	16/7		20/8	2-2	0-2	6/8	23/7	0-1
Br. Lions	1-1	0-3	13/8	3-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	5-2		27/8	1-1	23/7	2-2	30/7
Br. City	0-3	0-3	1-1	2-1	9/7	6/8	0-1	3-0	0-1		16/7	3-2	1-0	20/8
South Melb.	30/7		1-1	13/8	2-1	5-2	20/8	9/7	2-1	0-1		1-1	0-0	3-0
Olympic	27/8		30/7	9/7	0-1	2-0	2-4	1-1	2-4	13/8	1-2		1-2	16/7
Canberra	13/8	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	9/7	30/7	27/8	1-3		2-2
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	2-2	23/7	2-1	9/7	0-1	13/8	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-0	

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

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THURSDAY, JULY 6: Disco Night compered by radio personality Chris Bail.
FRIDAY, JULY 7: Request Dance Night — Ray Williams Orchestra.
SATURDAY, JULY 8: NAIRN GOBY DUO — Vocal, juggling, dancing and instrumental entertainers.

SUNDAY, JULY 9: Film 2pm — starring Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Robert Duvall.
8pm: DAVID GRAY — Top Australian Tenor.
TUESDAY, JULY 11: Euchre Night.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	13	—	2	35	7	26
Monaro	8	3	2	28	14	19
Melita	9	—	3	24	12	18
APIA	7	3	5	21	14	17
Sutherland	7	2	4	17	11	16
Mv. Olympic	6	2	5	18	16	14
Auburn	6	1	5	27	14	13
Toongabbie	4	4	5	11	14	12
Yugai	5	2	5	19	23	12
Manly	3	6	6	16	32	12
Avala	3	2	6	12	18	8
Granville	2	3	8	10	24	7
Arncliffe	2	2	10	7	27	6
Bankstown	1	2	10	10	29	4

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	12	1	1	37	7	25
Croatia	10	1	4	33	16	21
Arncliffe	7	4	2	34	9	18
APIA	8	2	3	19	13	18
Sutherland	8	1	4	37	11	17
Granville	7	3	4	22	15	17
Auburn	6	1	5	27	15	13
Melita	5	2	3	15	15	12
Mv. Olympic	4	3	6	16	25	11
Yugai	4	1	8	13	27	9
Toongabbie	2	3	8	15	26	7
Avala	3	—	9	15	29	6
Monaro	2	—	11	11	46	4
Bankstown	1	1	11	10	41	3

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	10	—	2	30	15	20
Sutherland	8	3	1	27	7	19
Granville	6	2	3	17	11	14
APIA	6	1	5	20	16	13
Arncliffe	5	3	4	19	17	13
Croatia	3	5	3	14	15	11
Bankstown	4	3	5	16	19	11
Avala	5	1	6	17	25	11
Melita	5	—	5	10	14	10
Toongabbie	3	3	6	17	23	9
Yugai	2	4	6	23	24	8
Auburn	2	1	7	6	15	5
Mv. Olympic	2	2	9	5	24	4

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	11	1	1	40	12	23
Blacktown	9	2	3	34	13	20
Revesby	8	3	2	25	16	19
Uni. of NSW	8	1	5	36	21	17
Polonia	5	5	2	17	14	15
Belmore	5	4	4	19	15	13
Warringah	5	3	6	21	18	13
Gladesville	3	4	6	22	34	12
N.S.-Inter	3	3	5	16	21	9
Queens Park	4	1	9	24	40	9
Guildford	2	1	9	19	34	5
Marrickville	1	3	10	15	45	5

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. of NSW	10	2	1	37	16	22
Belmore	9	3	1	30	13	21
Ku-ring-gai	7	4	1	29	16	18
Blacktown	7	3	3	31	18	17
Revesby	6	3	3	24	16	15
Gladesville	6	3	5	30	18	15
Polonia	3	4	5	20	22	10
Marrickville	3	4	7	23	34	10
N.S.-Inter	3	3	5	19	24	9
Guildford	1	4	6	13	23	6
Queens Park	2	2	9	14	40	6
Warringah	1	3	9	9	31	5

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	10	3	1	35	8	23
Warringah	9	4	1	24	8	22
Belmore	8	4	2	37	10	20
Gladesville	9	2	3	34	11	20
Ku-ring-gai	9	1	2	28	9	19
Polonia	6	1	5	24	19	13
Revesby	5	2	5	29	17	12
N.S. Inter	4	1	6	10	20	9
Queens Park	3	1	8	18	23	7
Uni. of NSW	2	2	9	15	42	6
Guildford	2	1	9	12	25	5
Marrickville	—	1	13	9	55	1

DIV. 3, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	12	2	1	51	19	26
Bathurst	11	2	2	32	11	24
Bondi	8	3	3	30	19	19
West Ryde	4	6	4	17	18	14
Lethbridge	5	3	4	20	17	13
Port Hacking	5	3	5	24	29	13
Riverstone	2	7	5	16	23	11
Yagoona	3	5	6	20	29	11
Dee Why	4	2	8	26	26	10
Lane Cove	3	3	7	15	21	9
Gladesville	2	4	8	16	26	8
Wenty	2	4	8	12	41	8

DIV. 3, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	11	—	3	48	18	22
Nepean	9	3	2	28	11	21
Yagoona	9	3	2	43	17	21
Port Hacking	8	1	4	31	18	17
Dee Why	6	4	4	27	21	16
Lethbridge	6	1	5	25	18	13
Bathurst	4	4	7	15	36	12
Lane Cove	3	4	5	18	22	10
Bondi	4	2	8	21	32	10
Riverstone	3	2	8	15	44	8
West Ryde	2	1	10	17	35	5
Wenty	2	1	9	8	34	5

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi	11	2	1	48	21	24
Bathurst	8	2	5	32	20	18
Gladesville	7	4	3	21	19	18
Port Hacking	6	5	2	29	13	17
Wenty	7	2	3	17	9	16
Nepean	7	2	5	23	17	16
Dee Why	6	1	7	22	27	13
Lane Cove	4	3	5	14	14	11
Lethbridge	3	4	5	18	16	10
Yagoona	2	3	9	23	32	7
Riverstone	1	4	8	6	47	6
West Ryde	1	2	10	13	31	4

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	9	4	—	33	11	22
Campbelltown	6	6	2	27	18	18
Sydney Uni.	8	1	4	28	21	17
Hurstville	8	1	4	35	28	17
Greenwich	6	4	3	23	16	16
Ryde	5	4	4	25	21	14
Ashcroft	5	3	3	18	15	13
Padstow	5	—	7	28	31	10
Nth. Bankstown	4	2	6	14	20	10
Artarmon	4	1	7	23	29	9
Fairfield	2	1	10	12	26	5
Holroyd	—	1	12	14	44	1

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	10	2	1	37	9	22
Padstow	9	2	1	32	13	20
Campbelltown	8	3	3	28	18	19
Ashcroft	6	4	1	26	14	16
Artarmon	5	4	3	25	21	14
Ryde	4	4	5	19	25	12
Fairfield	4	2	7	22	26	10
Nth. Bankstown	3	4	5	14	20	10
Hurstville	4	2	7	21	30	10
Greenwich	3	3	7	16	31	9
Holroyd	3	1	9	13	36	7
Sydney Uni.	1	1	11	16	28	3

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	10	1	1	37	15	21
Kingsford	7	4	1	30	13	18
Revesby Rovers	6	2	4	29	19	14
North Ryde	6	1	4	26	27	13
Chelsea	5	2	5	20	21	12
Paddington	4	4	3	21	20	12
Eastwood	4	4	5	21	24	12
Maroubra	4	2	7	19	24	10
Auburn Juniors	3	1	6	18	22	7
North Rocks	2	2	6	15	26	6
Haberfield	—	2	9	9	36	2

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastwood	9	1	2	29	14	19
Paddington	8	—	2	27	12	16
Auburn Juniors	5	3	2	27	13	13
Bonnyrigg	7	1	4	34	23	15
Kingsford	5	2	5	28	20	12
North Rocks	5	2	4	24	22	12
North Ryde	4	2	5	25	31	10
Revesby	4	2	6	16	27	10
Haberfield	3	1	7	15	28	7
Chelsea	3	1	8	19	34	7
Maroubra	2	1	10	17	37	5

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Holroyd	9	4	—	30	7	22
East Creek	9	3	—	41	10	21
Concordia	8	2	3	27	18	18
Pagewood	5	3	4	20	16	13
Fairfield West	5	2	3	30	20	12
Camden	4	3	7	21	34	11
Prospect	2	6	3	16	20	10
W. St. George	2	5	5	27	34	9
Canley Heights	3	2	6	18	29	8
Hawkesbury	3	2	5	14	22	8
Macquarie Uni.	2	2	6	18	26	6
Green Valley	1	2	9	19	45	4

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Creek	8	3	1	33	14	19
Prospect	8	2	1	26	22	18
Fairfield West	9	—	1	33	19	18
W. St. George	6	3	4	26	21	15
Canley Heights	6	1	4	19	20	13
West Holroyd	5	3	5	18	18	13
Camden	5	1	8	21	31	11
Concordia	3	3	6	16	23	9
Macquarie Uni.	4	1	5	23	14	9
Pagewood	3	1	8	20	32	7
Green Valley	3	—	8	18	34	6
Hawkesbury	—	2	8	12	26	2

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi	9	3	1	37	18	21
Chullora	8	2	2	37	15	18
Edensor	7	2	1	28	13	16
Moorebank	7	1	4	36	25	15
Liverpool	6	3	4	36	24	15
Bankstown Sp.	5	4	2	37	22	14
Southern Dists.	5	3	3	34	25	13
Lakemba	3	4	4	22	21	10
South Sydney	3	3	6	17	34	9
Greystanes	2	1	9	19	16	5
Mt. Pritchard	2	—	10	17	38	4
Emu Plains	2	—	11	13	49	4

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chullora	10	1	1	56	19	21
Moorebank	9	2	1	34	17	20
Maccabi	9	4	1	34	18	20
Liverpool	6	2	5	22	17	14
Bankstown Sp.	6	—	5	27	25	12
Edensor	5	1	4	29	23	11
Southern Dists.	4	3	5	31	21	11
Mt. Pritchard	4	3	5	19	30	11
Greystanes	3	5	5	25	24	11
Lakemba	4	2	5	20	17	10
Emu Plains	—	2	11	9	49	2
South Sydney	—	1	10	6	53	1

All care is taken but no responsibility accepted with these tables. At times referees don't report the match result correctly — or at all — to the Federation and thus throw our tables out of gear.

TOP TEAMS TO FACE EXACTING WEEKEND

Continued wet weather over the past few weeks has created problems for many teams, forcing them to double-up to catch up with postponed games.

Only one game was played last weekend because of the wet conditions, forcing the postponement of another five which will have to be played later on.

Four teams, Polonia, Belmore, NS-Inter and Queens Park will start the doubling up this weekend — weather permitting — putting a lot of pressure on these sides because of lack of training and injuries.

All three top teams in the division face "weaker" opposition this weekend, with Revesby the best placed of all.

They meet Guildford at home and unless there is a reversal of form they should maintain their place on the table.

Runner-up Blacktown face the unpredictable Gladesville at Francis Park and they, too, should score a victory.

Blacktown is expected to field a full side which will include goalkeeper Bruce James, who returns to the side after a fractured hand kept him out for the last three weeks.

Garry Morrison will come into the team in place of Joe Barno, who gave the game away, while defender Ralph Ramisch returns after finishing his holidays.

Leaders Ku-ring-gai will clash with Warringah Saints at home, who in their last game surprised by beating Blacktown.

One again Ku-ring-gai should win this game but will still have to make a big effort to beat this opposition.

Another game which could be quite exciting is the clash between Polonia and Belmore at Chopin Park.

The only game played last weekend was the clash between Queens Park and Marrickville — an eight goal match. Brief match report from the game:

QUEENS PARK v MARRICKVILLE 6-2

After a long run of losses Queens Park scored a convincing run-away victory over the struggling Marrickville.

Under new coach Paul Falzon, Queens Park settled down early and were two goals up within 15 minutes, scored by Peter Hammond and Jimmy Griffiths.

With George McCulloch now back at Marrickville, and having his first game with the club this season, they fought back to level the score before the break.

McCulloch engineered both goals, the first with a long pass from midfield and the second from a freekick — both were finished off into the net by Goron Mackin.

However, Queens Park turned in a good performance in the second half to score another four goals, including an own goal by Andy Pondekas under pressure.

Hammond and Griffiths scored one goal each in the second half and the other goal was scored by Ronny Gogic.

Marrickville, at the bottom of the table, are pinning their hopes on McCulloch, who had two tremendous seasons before with the club.

Ronny Gogic and Brendan Crothers were the pick of the Queens Park side.

Queens Park: Spittle, Bell, Crothers, Finneran, Thorpe, Thiele, Mitchell, Hammond (2), Gogic (1), Galiaway (Coyle), Griffiths (2).

Marrickville: Loonie, Windshuttle, Pondekas (o.g.), Gould, Martin, Mossom, Jordan, McCulloch, Mackin (2), O'Flaherty, Shirtlift.

THIS WEEK SYDNEY DRAWS

THIRD DIVISION

Saturday: Riverstone v Bathurst, Schofield Park; Yagoona v Gladesville Ravens, O'Neill Park; Nepean v Lane Cove (2nd and 3rd grade), Jamieson Park; West Ryde v Wenty (2nd and 3rd grade), Waud S.G. **Sunday:** Nepean v Port Hacking, Jamieson Park; Wenty v Bondi Marines, Centenary Park; West Ryde v Lethbridge, Waud S.G.; Lane Cove v Dee Why, Pottery Green.

FOURTH DIVISION

Saturday: Ryde v Ashcroft, Hall Park, Artarmon v Fairfield Kiev, Artarmon Reserve. **Sunday:** Campbelltown City v Sydney University, Rangers Road; Holroyd v Greenwich, Guildford West; North Bankstown v Hurstville Zagreb, Potts Park; Baulkham Hills v Padstow Park, Horwood Reserve; Artarmon v Ashcroft, Artarmon Reserve.

FIFTH DIVISION

Saturday: Paddington Spanish v Bonnyrigg Eagles, Soccer Centre; North Ryde v Maroubra, North Ryde; Auburn Jnrs v Kingsford, Progress Park. **Sunday:** Kingsford v Haberfield, Turruwull Park; Auburn Jnrs v Eastwood Town, Progress park; Chelsea v North Rocks, Moore Park; Revesby Rovers, bye.

SIXTH DIVISION

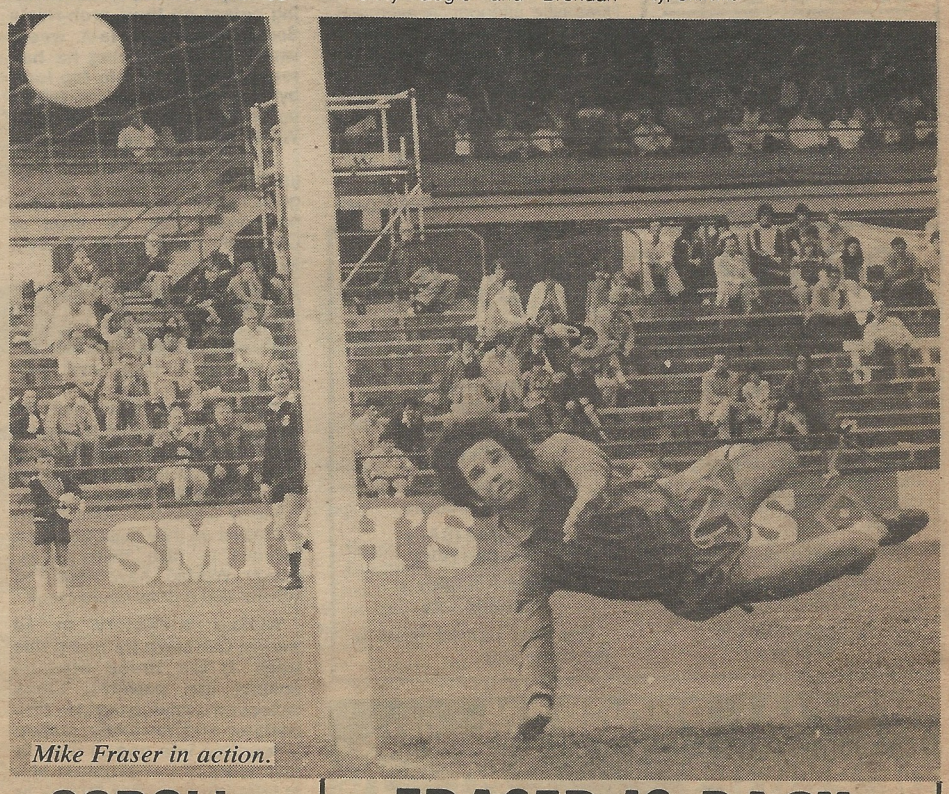
Saturday: Macquarie University v Canley Heights, Epping Boys High; Hawkesbury v Prospect, North Richmond. **Sunday:** Camden v Pagewood, Ponderosa Park; Fairfield West v Hawkesbury, Parkes Reserve; Eastern Creek v Concordia, Eastern Creek Park; Prospect v Green Valley, Endeavour Reserve No. 2; West St. George v West Holroyd, Evatt Park.

SEVENTH DIVISION

Saturday: Sydney Maccabi v Greystanes, Moore Park No 12; Liverpool United v Lakemba RSC, Childs Park; Endensor Park v Moorebank, St. Johns Park; Southern Districts v Bankstown Sports, Hoxton Park. **Sunday:** Mt. Pritchard v Southern Districts, Joe Broad Park; Emu Plains v South Sydney, Emu Plains Park; Bankstown Sports v Chullora, Condell Park HS; Lakemba RSC v Greystanes, Parry Park No. 1.

DIVISION TWO

— By Charles Spiteri —



Mike Fraser in action.

SCROLL FOR RAY

Ray Baartz received an illuminated scroll from the Mayor of Newcastle at last week's home game against Canberra City, in recognition of his services to the sport.

Apart from his playing record, Ray is a director of Newcastle United, and one of the founders of the club.

In his international career from 1967 until his unfortunate accident against Uruguay in 1974 he made 47 full international appearances for Australia, scoring 19 goals and putting Australia on the way to its first World Cup appearance.

He started out as an Adamstown junior, and then went to New Lambton South at 14, where he met up with the great Socceroo fullback "Bunny" Curran.

At 14 they both played for Maitland's first team.

He went back to Adamstown and in late 1964 he joined Manchester United, and established himself as a member of the reserve team in 1965, playing alongside Brian Kidd amongst others.

He was joined there by Curran, in the days when Bobby Charlton, Dennis Law, Nobby Stiles and Pat Crerand were in the first team.

Whilst a career was open to him in England he came back to Adamstown in 1966 and from there joined Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs the following year.

FRASER IS BACK

The unexpected return of Mike Fraser from West Germany means that APIA-Leichhardt is extremely well off for excellent goalkeepers.

Dave McQuire had a faultless game against Granville last Sunday and has not conceded a goal in the last two matches.

And behind them is talented 18-year-old Wayne Evans, a great young prospect, who is destined for bigger things.

Mike Fraser was immediately signed by APIA for the rest of the current season.

He intends to stay in Australia right through 1979 so that he can complete his commerce course at university, after which he will be able to concentrate on his football.

In West Germany he played in a regional league and was first team goalkeeper for his club in Bonn.

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STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

APIA-GRANVILLE 4-0 (2-0)

Playing dry weather football despite the mud, APIA's teamwork and skills conquered a Granville who, with the single exception of Billy Fraser, offered only fitness and hard running. Doyle's distribution and Butler's unremitting labors had APIA camped in the Granville half except for two periods early in each half. Mike Johnson's insistence on skilful use of the ball from set plays was obvious, and the first goal was a masterpiece. Doyle's chipped free kick found a totally unmarked Ruiz as the Granville defence desperately tried to mark the rest of the APIA forwards. A deflected drive before halftime and two penalties gave Doyle his hat-trick. From there any sporadic raid by Granville with one lone forward was completely contained. McMillan settled in well at fullback and showed talent well above the ordinary.

APIA: McQuire 3, Pullen 3, McMillan 3, Porter 3, McGinn 3, Lindsay 3, Fryer 2, Doyle 4, Link 3, Ruiz 3, Butler 4.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Selfridge 3, Biglands 3, Sands 3, Lackey 2, Barker 3, Bates 2, Slater 2 (Scamperle: 53m), Thomas 2, Fraser 4, Waldron 3.

Goals: 1-0 Ruiz (33m), 2-0 Doyle (41m), 3-0 Doyle pen (71m), 4-0 Doyle pen (82m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 206.

— R. DEWICK

YUGAL-MANLY 3-3 (2-1)

Following torrential rain throughout the week Cromer Park was very heavy with the ball quite slippery, which made good soccer almost impossible. The game was originally to have been played at Garside Park but rain ruled that venue out altogether. Yugal adapted quite well to the conditions, and they appeared to have the game well sewn up in the first half. There must have been some hard talking in the Manly dressing room at the interval because they returned with more determination in the second half and earnt a useful point. Yugal almost took the lead in the first minute through Bob Stamenkovic, but is was in the fifth that their first goal came. Stan Tanowski, who had a very good game for Yugal, shot from 10 metres and the greasy ball skidded off the chest of Manly goalkeeper Chris Cassettari into the net.

In the 25th they struck again. Manly conceded a corner, Zivko Trkulja took the kick and Mike Piper headed home.

Manly appeared to be struggling, but this situation ceased by the 44th minute Mick Banks took a free kick and shot to the unmarked Bob Kay, who crashed the ball into the net. In the second half Manly played much better, although it was Yugal who scored in the 51st minute. Peter Cuk, the tall Yugal striker, beat Brian Stocks in the air and, seeing Cassettari off his line, he headed over him into the net. Manly came back in the 67th with a penalty. Joe Mawalu was pushed in the back and Bob Geoghegan scored from the spot.

Yugal suffered a severe setback in the 76th minute. Dragan Purac was shown the yellow card, and he then appeared to punch Manly's Ron Geekie and was sent off. They battled on with 10 men but were forced to concede an equalising goal with eight minutes remaining. Geekie shot into the crowded penalty area, the ball rebounded to Mick Banks, who scored from six metres for what was an eminently fair result.

YUGAL: Mandrides 4, Nitya 4, Trkulja 4, Novakovic 3, Prgomelja 3 (Rodas: 80m), Stamenkovic 3, Delaney 3, Purac 1 (sent off 76m), Cuk 4, Tanoski 4, Piper 3 (Radovic: 80m).

MANLY: Cassettari 3, Gosling 3, Harpur 4, Doyle 4, Stocks 3, Geekie 3, Geoghegan 3, Roozendaal 4, Banks 4, Kay 3, Nawaiu 4.

Goals: 1-0 Tanoski (5m), 2-0 Piper (25m), 2-1 Kay (44m), 3-1 Cuk (51m), 3-2 Geoghegan pen (67m), 3-3 Banks (87m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 321.

— G. STREETER

SCHOOLS FOR TAMWORTH

The big inter-regional championship for NSW high schools representative teams starts on Monday in Tamworth.

Competition will be fierce for the 12 regions, five of which are drawn from the city and seven from the country.

The country areas are showing a great improvement in standard, which is evidenced by their displays in the 1978 Tasman Cup.

Through to round four and five are such diversely located schools as Queanbeyan, Bowral, Springwood, Bathurst, Booragul and Murwillumbah.

Sydney is badly missing out on the excitement of night football at schools level.

Only last week Manly High School refused to play Normanhurst High School in a fifth round floodlit game at Englefield Stadium that would have been a tremendous drawcard.

This is not the case in Newcastle, where Bill Turner and his enthusiastic band of workers continue to produce night schools football on a grand scale.

Normanhurst, with midfielder Peter Search to the fore, defeated West Wallsend 4-3 in a close game at Speers Point.

The Northern Districts Cup draw has now been issued by secretary Jim Tulloch.

However, with only three nights allowed at Englefield Stadium, many games will have to be played after school, and it may be that the series will not be continued in 1979 if more dates cannot be secured at night.

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE

St. Geo Dragons	6	2	1	16	7	14
Newcastle Utd	6	2	3	31	10	13
ES Hakoah	5	2	3	22	14	12
Marconi Comets	4	3	2	28	10	11
Western Subs	5	—	2	35	6	10
Marconi Raders	4	2	2	19	11	10
St. Geo. Colts	2	3	4	16	23	7
Syd. Olympic	2	2	5	14	16	6
West. NSW	—	—	12	9	85	—

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LAST WEEK

Newcastle United v Western NSW 3-0
All others postponed

THIS WEEK

Marconi Rangers v Olympic	Bossley Park, 1pm, Sunday
Newcastle United v Western Suburbs	Int. Sp. Centre, 12.15pm, Saturday
ES Hakoah v St. George Colts	Erskineville, 1pm, Sunday
Western NSW v Marconi Comets	Orange Sports Ground, 1pm, Saturday

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TEAMS FACE PROBLEMS WITH BACKLOG

NSW STATE LEAGUE

Sydney's record wet has played havoc with the State League fixtures and the backlog has now stretched to 13 matches.

— By Keith Gilmour —

NSW Federation secretary Aulden Brown says the competition is basically a "daylight promotion."

This could lead to Saturday and Sunday games for clubs until the deficit is wiped out.

Clubs have this week to reschedule their games, failing which the Federation executive will have to step in and make the decisions.

Marrickville Olympic coach John Xipolitas believes that midweek games should be played instead of a Saturday/Sunday program.

"It is too much on the players, the clubs and the supporters to double up at the weekend," he believes.

It will take full co-operation of all concerned, plus some good weather for the competition to get right back on the rails.

MANLY v MELITA

By the time Croatia return from North America, Melita could be in a position to challenge them closely for the State League title.

Manly made a courageous comeback against Yugal last week, and with the goals coming at present there is no reason why they will not make it hard for their higher-placed adversaries.

It was a typical Raul Bianco deal to see the Eagles pick up Tony Economou, the talented Sydney Olympic player, on loan for the rest of the season.

With or without Economou, Melita are functioning too well to go down to Manly, on paper at least.

Mv OLYMPIC v MONARO

Olympic's semi-final hopes are greater than ever, and they are in no way lessened by the fact that they have been largely ignored by the press.

The team is lying sixth, with two games in hand on some of its rivals.

Coach John Xipolitas believes the fact that they lost to Monaro 4-1 in the first round gives no indication of their present capabilities.

Monaro remain second with a five-point lead over Olympic from an equal number of games, so they will be sitting pretty if they can win.

AUBURN v BANKSTOWN

Here is Auburn's big chance to prove themselves.

They are in seventh position with three matches in hand on some of their rivals, and this game has real importance as they cannot go anywhere if they cannot down the team which is propping up the table.

Bankstown played gutsy football against Croatia in their last game although the defence was below par.

If Auburn get a grip of the midfield and John McDonald could well do just that, Auburn will be on the way and Bankstown may be sinking deeper in the mire.

GRANVILLE v YUGAL

Yugal were on top against Manly last Sunday before they blew their chances of a win, but this week it could be a different story.

On a heavy surface they must have more skills than Granville, and if they base their tactics on their feeling for the game they could come out ahead.

Billy Fraser has re-emerged as the leader of the Granville bunch of triers and his play on the day will have a big bearing on the Magpies' work.

I expect Yugal to win after a keen struggle, as Granville's loss to APIA will not unduly dampen the players' spirit.

SUTHERLAND v APIA

Sutherland took a couple of coach loads of supporters down to Queanbeyan last weekend for a game that was washed out.

Those supporters will be keen to see their team do well in this encounter, but they will find it difficult.

Opposing them will be their former coach Mike Johnson, who now has APIA playing with more verve than was the case earlier in the year.

Johnson has moved Mark Pullen to right-back and Alec McMillan to left so that they can use the feet that suit them more naturally, and Bobby McGinn and Norrie Porter are combining well in central defence.

ARNCLIFFE v TOONGABBIE

New coach Kaz Kulak has not had much time to work with the Scots and it will be interesting to see what he has been able to accomplish.

The team is only two points ahead of Bankstown from one extra game, so that big gap down to Second Division is yawning below them.

Toongabbie were starting to play some of their best football when the big wet set in, and so it is hard to see how Mal O'Neill's men will not come away from Hurstville with the points.

Dick of Manly

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

STATE LEAGUE			
APIA v Granville	4-0	—	—
Yugal v Manly	3-3	—	—
All other matches deferred			
DIVISION 2			
Queens Pk v M'ville	6-2	2-1	5-1
DIVISION 3			
Bathurst v Yagoona	1-0	2-2	0-0
Bondi v Riverstone	2-0	**	7-0
Nepean v Gladesville	2-0	4-1	0-1
**Riverstone could not field a second grade team.			
DIVISION 4			
C'belltown v Fairfield	3-1	2-1	
DIVISION 5			
Kingsford v Bonnyrigg	3-2	0-3	
Eastwood v Haberfield	3-0	5-0	
DIVISION 6			
Camden v Canley Hts	2-1	2-0	
W. St. Geo. v Pagewood	4-2	3-2	
DIVISION 7			
Emu Plains v Chullora	0-3	1-9	
Liverpool v Greystanes	5-2	0-1	
All other games postponed			

CLASH BY COACHES

The Australian under-15 championship, to be held at Gosford from August 26, should produce a classical confrontation of coaches.

The NSW team is in the hands of Andy Clues, one of the country's best developmental coaches.

Northern NSW are expected to appoint Bill Vroiyks, former NSW Coaches secretary and well known for his reports for **Soccer World** over the years. as their coach.

The NSW coaches were very pleased with their Western NSW Operation Snowball series earlier in the year.

The time is fast approaching when a stream of top juniors will come out of the West.

Courses have been held in Sydney at the University of NSW for physical education teachers, and at Timbrell Park, Five Dock, for an advanced course for Teachers' College trainees.

It appears certain that a course will be held shortly for the Marrickville De La Salle Brothers — an important area as soccer interest in the Catholic colleges is slowly taking shape.

One recent drawback was the exclusion of the NSW Amateur under-16 players from the series to select the NSW under-16 team for the National Youth Championships.

Apparently an unknown member of the team deserved disciplinary action, but as no-one came forward the chance to represent the State at the highest level was denied to all the players.

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 8

FIRST DIVISION

MV Olympic v Monaro	Arlington Oval
Auburn v Bankstown	Mona Park

SECOND DIVISION

Revesby Workers v Guildford	Milperra Reserve
Queens Park v NS Inter	Navy Sports Ground
Polonia v Belmore	Chopin Park

SUNDAY, JULY 9

FIRST DIVISION

Granville v Yugal	Garside Park
Sutherland v APIA	Seymour Shaw
Arncliffe v Toongabbie	Hurstville Oval
Manly v Melita	Cromer Park

SECOND DIVISION

Ku-ring-gai v Warringah	Parklands Oval
Marrickville v Polonia	Mackey Park
Uni of NSW v Queens Park	David Philips Field
Blacktown v Gladesville	Francis Park
NS Inter v Belmore	North Sydney Oval

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 15

FIRST DIVISION

Bankstown v Manly	Soccer Centre

SECOND DIVISION

Warringah v Marrickville	Graham Reserve
Belmore v Blacktown	Blick Oval
NS Inter v Uni N.S.W.	North Sydney Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 16

FIRST DIVISION

Melita v Granville	Garside Park
Yugal v Sutherland	Concord Oval
APIA V MV Olympic	Lambert Park
Monaro v Toongabbie	Marco Polo Oval
Avala v Arncliffe	Knight Park

SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville v Revesby Wkrs	Morrison Bay Pk
Guildford Wdrs v Ku-ring-gai	Guildford Pk
Polonia v Queens Pk	Chopin Pk

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Mundial postmortem

Argentina '78

CUP WHICH OFFERED OCCASIONAL CHEER

You go to an expensive restaurant, order some fine dishes, wait for half an hour to be served — and then you get up from the table disappointed; this is how I feel about the Mundial. The 1978 Mundial was a fairly ordinary tournament with many modest teams lacking greatness and personalities.

— By Andrew Dettre —

In many ways it was almost like a mathematical thesis: using their pocket computers, coaches and managers were carefully calculating how to avoid defeat and how to reach further stages of the Cup.

Perhaps, if the World Cup once again became a cup instead of two rounds of mini-league, things would improve with teams forced to win rather than play for a point or even — as in the case of Austria against Brazil and Holland against Scotland — for a narrow, triumphant defeat which negates the principle of the game.

But there is another reason why the game has changed for the worse: results are everything and the way they are achieved mean nothing. Coaches have stopped worrying about "style" and "class", the word "entertainment" has been wiped from their vocabularies only to be replaced by "success" and "failure".

They know that losing means the end of the road for them; ask Claudio Coutinho, Ally McLeod, Lajos Baroti, Georg Ericsson and others.

Where qualification for the second round could mean an extra $300,000 or more for an association, failure is judged harshly and unforgivingly. So we are breeding — and tolerating — coaches whose only ambition is not to lose — a negative ambition, if that.

Then we also saw at the Mundial that soccer is becoming more and more athletic and tough at the expense of the "playful" qualities.

A Brazil-Argentina match 20 years ago would have been a soccer fiesta in artistry; the crowd would have demanded entertainment.

Now all the crowd wanted was a single goal but didn't even get that. Instead it got 60 freekicks for fouls. Every time a player could beat his opponent he was forced to play off the ball or be kicked. And all this in a match by two teams once famous for their artistry.

The need for physical strength and stamina was very clearly illustrated by several teams, most notably by Italy. They played well, at times brilliantly, in the first round because they had the players to rise above the average; then started to tire and paid the penalty for that with defeats against Holland and Brazil.

By a strange coincidence, however, all four goals conceded in these two matches beat Italian goalie Zoff from 20 to 30 metres, slammed home by powerful, fit players with great shooting power.

Ultimately it was poetic justice that Argentina and Holland reached the final: both were strong extremely fit and well prepared teams playing, without many frills, what can be called "functional" soccer.

Another interesting point to emerge was that the Mundial was dominated by teams which were also present in 1974 in Germany: Holland, Brazil, Poland, Argentina and Italy. This is no coincidence: these teams had the nucleus of players with previous World Cup experience on which to build. I am sure that this "spill-over" will again manifest itself in the 1982 Mundial in Spain.

There can be little doubt that, against all expectations, it was the teams from Africa and Asia which made the most surprising impact on the tournament.

In April, after Holland had beaten Tunisia 4-0, one of their players had predicted that "West Germany would murder them 8-0 in the Mundial".

Well, they didn't: the Germans had to struggle to a far from noble 0-0 against the superbly skilled and amazingly mature Tunisians who, earlier, had beaten Mexico 3-1 and then lost to Poland, very unluckily, only 1-0.

Or take Iran, who represented Asia and Oceania. When Australia was eliminated by Iran (and Kuwait) in 1977, half the world laughed at us, none more than our British "cousins". Then Iran went and played a very good 1-1 draw with Scotland, eventually leading to the demise of the Scots.

It is certain that Africa and Asia have a great deal to offer to the world of soccer in the years to come and the most important of their contributions could be a new spirit — or perhaps a return to the old one.

While top soccer in Europe and South America is fast becoming almost exclusively a business, the less affluent and more ambitious countries in Africa and Asia still have a chance to use this wonderful game as a means of self-expression and to play for the pleasure of playing — not just to attract offers from wealthy club managers. I am sure that Africa has several other teams almost as good as Tunisia, while some teams in Asia are only inches behind Iran. Their excellent showing and record in the Mundial should serve as an incentive for all others in their regions — including Australia — to make even more determined efforts to reach what we vaguely refer to as the "international standard".

I feel that Argentina deserved to win the Mundial. Perhaps they were not the "best" team (how else do you judge that apart from results?) but they were the team that wanted to win most. They were always going forward when they could: their whole strategy was built on attack and aggression. By the old meaning of the word, they didn't play "South American" soccer at all but they were faster and much more direct than expected.

They had perfect balance in the team: at the back the superb Fillol, Galvan, Passarella and Tarantini, in the middle Gallego and up front that brilliant striker Kempes and his dangerous partners Bertoni and Luque.

Some people say that they enjoyed "assistance" from referees in their matches. Perhaps. But why are we surprised or indignant about that? Didn't England also get the same treatment in 1966 and West Germany in 1974?

Referees are human: none of them want to ruin the Mundial by being too harsh on the home team. They cannot win the cup for them — but they make it possible for them to win it.

Holland gave an uneven display: some convincing wins alternated with ordinary performances. There was no doubt that they were well below the level of their 1974 side. From their "total football" concept, all they could retain was their immense power and speed. In the final they committed the major mistake of playing too tough as they were keen to check the enthusiastic sorties of the Argentinians. In some instances Holland played the man rather than the ball and this, I feel, cost them the game despite dominating the regulation 90 minutes.

Neeskens

In Haan, Krol, Brandts and the two van der Kerkhofs they had some good players — but Rensenbrink was a disappointment and certainly didn't live up to his immense reputation as the heir apparent to the recently retired Johan Cruyff.

If the overall standard of the Mundial disappointed many of us, at least it did produce a rather even, close competition in which few results could be predicted in advance. Right from the beginning the Mundial began to look like a contest between Europe and South America; the draw of the second, semifinal, round made this even more pronounced.

As the first round was completed, Italy appeared to be the team to beat for the cup: in their first three matches against France, Hungary and Argentina, they looked sharp, cohesive and extremely well balanced. In contrast with the general expectation that the Italians will play a purely defensive game, they went to attack and, with their three superb strikers Bettega, Rossi and Causio, got the goals for three excellent wins.

Then they started to get tired, and tired players cannot properly use all their skills. I am convinced that had the Italians been in a better physical shape — especially the mastermind Bettega and the elegant Antognoni — they would have made the final without much trouble.

At this stage Argentina was struggling: they beat Hungary and France with a little luck and lost to the Italians deservedly. All the others, including Brazil and Holland, seemed to preserve their strength for the second round.

A former German star, Uwe Seeler, even expressed his thoughts on that:

"In the first round we'll warm up, in the second round we'll play and after the final we'll celebrate," he said.

Well, Seeler was wrong: despite what manager Helmut Schon said after the Mundial ("we never had a better prepared German team at any World Cup") this team was colorless, without flair, imagination, leadership — and loaded with very good players who were in a deep form slump: Bonhof, Fischer, Dietz, and even Maier, when the pressure was on.

Platini

In fact, I'd say that this was the worst West German team since they re-entered the international scene after the war. Perhaps with the genius of a Beckenbauer and the sharpshooting of a Gerd Muller they would have done better — but still wouldn't have won the Mundial. It was clearly not their turn.

Poland were a poor imitation of the team that thrilled us all in 1974. Deyna, Lato and Kasperczak and some others were still there — but four years older and without their earlier exuberance. Lubanski's return after an absence of some years went almost unnoticed: it's always a mistake to try and revive legends.

Of the other Europeans, Austria and France played some very good soccer. Admittedly the Austrians did this spasmodically — a good win over Spain and later their first win over Germany in 47 years — but the French were plainly unlucky: they deserved at least one point against Argentina where only the Swiss referee Dubach's strange decisions led to their elimination.

In Tresor they have one of the finest centrebacks in the Mundial, but Michel, Platini, Bardeli and Six were also among the stars.

The Austrian success came somewhat unexpectedly and, without being uncharitable towards them, I'd say because of their weak opponents Spain and Sweden. But in Pezzey, Prohaska, Krankl and Jara the Austrians also had players of European class.

The European disappointments were many and one must start with Hungary, who lost all their three games, perhaps the first one against Argentine unluckily; in that match they also lost their two best players, Torocsik and Nyilasi, with a one-game suspension and that doomed their fate.

Maybe if they had been able to get a draw against Argentina — with seven minutes to go it was still 1-1 — it would have been a different story.

Spain, in some matches, played good and intelligent soccer — but found goal scoring a big problem.

Sweden were a very big disappointment. They looked the least skilled of all 16 teams, more like lumberjacks in a forest than soccer players. Their game is built on simple assets: height, speed and stamina. But at least average ballskills would have been needed to lift them from their pedestrian standard and this, surprisingly, they didn't have.

The Scots were a different story. They arrived full of confidence, sure to win the Mundial — and then lost to Peru and played a draw with Iran, returning home in disgrace, made worse by the only dope scandal of the Mundial involving Willie Johnstone.

It seems that the Scots — as so often in the past — overestimated their ability; the traditional Scottish cockiness, part of which is based on their strong anti-English feeling, again let them down. Against Holland they played well and won — but by that time it didn't matter, their fate was sealed.

I am certain that England would have done much better than Scotland in the World Cup: their revival under new manager Ron Greenwood came about a year too late.

Of the other South American teams Brazil produced less and Peru more than was anticipated.

After the Brazilian "disaster" of 1974, we were promised a new Brazil, a return to bright, intelligent and creative soccer. Although towards the end they did improve — and remained the only unbeaten team in the whole field — this was no longer the same Brazil that the world had learned to admire.

In Amaral, Oscar, Dirceu and Mendonca they had a few very good players but not one of them really great; in Nelinho they had the best long-range kicker of the ball in the Mundial, with his goals, against Poland and Italy, being among the best seen in Argentina.

But Zico was a big disappointment, Leao, Reinaldo, Toninho and Gil were ordinary and Rivelino only made two brief appearances without leaving a strong impression behind.

Peru, for long the poor relations of South American soccer, did very well until their last match which they lost 0-6 to Argentina — a match we will argue about for years to come. Finally there was Mexico, outplayed and outclassed in all three of its matches, returning home to an airport welcome of stones and rotten tomatoes that told the story of their performance.

The overall organisation of the Mundial was, in my view, extremely good under difficult conditions.

Because of the political problems of the country, the Argentina authorities were determined to ensure the safe and orderly running of the tournament and to do that they used a large force of army and police personnel.

And yet their presence at the venues of press centres was not as visible and offensive as in Germany four years ago where, for example, outside the Waldhof stadium of Frankfurt, a German army batallion was standing by with tanks and bazookas.

All the matches were played on schedule (except one when France forgot to bring the correct shirts in Mar del Plata) and went off without a hitch; the stadium and press room facilities were superb, probably on too lavish a scale which might have been unnecessary.

Of course, not all pressmen were happy at all times: this, during a sporting event of this kind and size, is utopistic to expect.

There were 4000 accredited pressmen present and for some matches — opening game, final, etc. — the seating facilities had to be limited. But this was the same at the last three World Cups and it will be the same again in Spain.

Dirceu, one of the best midfielders at the World Cup.

THE BEST OF WORLD CUP

There were no Peles, Beckenbauers and Cruyffs in the 1978 World Cup.

A vote by the Press selected Mario Kempes as the player of the tournament and I agree with the choice: my vote went to him, too.

This is how I saw the best players in their respective positions:

Goalkeepers:
1. Fillol (Argentina)
2. Hejazi (Iran)
3. Hellstroem (Sweden)

Right fullbacks:
1. Olguin (Argentina)
2. Nelinho (Brazil)
3. Velasquez (Peru)

Freebacks:
1. Amaral (Brazil)
2. Passarella (Argentina)
3. Haan (Holland)

Stoppers:
1. Tresor (France)
2. Krol (Holland)
3. Galvan (Argentina)

Left fullbacks
1. Cabrini (Italy)
2. Tarantini (Argentina)
3. Toninho (Brazil)

Right midfield:
1. Benetti (Italy)
2. W. van der Kerkhof (Holland)
3. Boniek (Poland)

Centre midfield:
1. Cubillas (Peru)
2. Michel (France)
3. Asensi (Spain)

Left midfield:
1. Dirceu (Brazil)
2. Tardelli (Italy)
3. Platini (France)

Right striker:
1. Causio (Italy)
2. Lato (Poland)
3. Munante (Peru)

Centre striker:
1. Rossi (Italy)
2. Krankl (Austria)
3. Luque (Argentina)

Left striker:
1. Kempes (Argentina)
2. Bettega (Italy)
3. Six (France)

TEAM OF THE MUNDIAL:

Fillol

Olguin Amaral Tresor Cabrini

Benetti Cubillas Dirceu

Causio Rossi Kempes